

**RESOLUTION NO. 20170615-072**

**WHEREAS**, for parents of young children, safe and consistent childcare is a critical component of seeking and maintaining employment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Passages Program provides full time case management to assist families with housing, employment, job training, education, childcare, counseling, legal issues, and many other needs; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016 new federal guidelines eliminated childcare assistance for families receiving support through the Passages Program; and

**WHEREAS**, at the recommendation of the Early Childhood Council, City Council approved Resolution No. 20160211-018 and a subsequent budget measure that provided \$160,000 so that families in the Passages Program would not experience a disruption in childcare services; and

**WHEREAS**, this \$160,000 was allocated as a one-time grant that - absent Council action - will expire on September 30, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Austin funding has enabled 74 children from emergency shelters operated by The Salvation Army, Foundation for the Homeless, and SAFE Alliance to attend licensed Texas Rising Star-rated childcare centers in the Austin community; and

**WHEREAS**, if funding is not allocated for the Passages Program, families will experience a lack of continuity in their care plan, which could result in parents leaving the job training program due to their inability to find affordable childcare;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

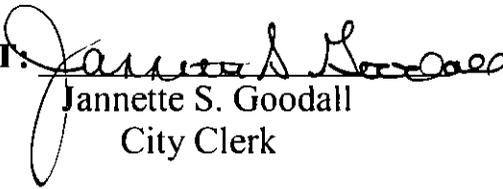
**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL:**

For consideration along with other priorities discussed during Council's budget or other work sessions, other Council actions, and other priorities expressed by Council members, the City Manager is directed to identify ongoing funding for childcare services for Passages Program participants in the budget recommendations that come forward for Council consideration in July 2017.

Further, the City Manager is asked to consider what could be done to avoid situations where funding for ongoing programs expires during the budget adoption process.

**ADOPTED:** June 15, 2017

**ATTEST:**

  
Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk