

## **Economic Prosperity Commission Recommendation**

Recommendation Number: (20180620-003c) Economic Prosperity Commission Budget Recommendations.

WHEREAS the mission of the Economic Prosperity Commission is to advise the City of Austin Council on matters of construction and job creation, and the development and growth of cooperative businesses will induce the creation of living wage sustainable jobs in Austin;

WHEREAS "Economic Opportunity and Affordability" is designated a Strategic Outcome for the City of Austin with the identified Priority Indicator of "improving skills and capability of our community workforce" for the City of Austin;

WHEREAS the Economic Prosperity Commission recommended on 11/15/17 that the "City of Austin support the Master Community Workforce Plan and devote all necessary resources for implementation by: (1) Adopting the Workforce Plan; (2) Devoting resources to maximize private sector financial commitments; (3) Leveraging existing relationships with stakeholders in their respective districts to encourage participation in the Workforce Plan; (4) Further supporting the Workforce Plan as needed by ensuring that all financial and operational needs are met; and, (5) Promoting community awareness of the Workforce Plan as a part of existing municipal and district communication plans.;

WHEREAS in the FY 2019 budget request, the Economic Development Department has prioritized the need to incentivize programs that yield benefits to the community beyond the local tax base, including providing jobs for "Hard-to-employ" and/or "economically disadvantaged" individuals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Austin's Economic Prosperity Commission recommends the City of Austin include in its Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget:

 Reallocate the increase to the Economic Development budget of \$319,200 from FY 2017-18 for workforce development contracts and allocated that money to invest in the Master Community Workforce Plan.

Yea: 6 (M. Bhargava; K. Haverlah; R. Rondero de Mosier; M. Ybarra; A. Noel; H. Lackey)

Nay: 0

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Absent: 3 (O. Segura; H. Frankel; K. Opp)

Chair