



Recommendation for Action

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Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Austin Community College to provide matching funds for the Austin Community College's Innovative Manufacturing Prototype Acceleration Central Texas Lab i6 challenge grant awarded by the U.S. Economic Development Authority in partnership with the Austin Technology Incubator with the University of Texas at Austin to foster and incubate economic development in priority target industries and promote job creation in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 annually for three years.

Lead Department

Economic Development.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$50,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget of the Economic Development Department.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

Austin Community College's IMPACT Lab will build a strong ecosystem of innovative, digital-ready small and midsize manufacturers prepared to disrupt the manufacturing sector. The Austin manufacturing industry employs over 57,000 people. However, there is significant underinvestment in manufacturing innovation. Austin's manufacturing employment is roughly one-fifth the size of Dallas and Houston. The next wave of manufacturing will require a paradigm shift to advanced digital firms which Austin is uniquely qualified to capture.

IMPACT Lab is Austin's first innovation center focused on physical product development and manufacturing. This initiative is modeled after the Austin Bioscience Incubator (ABI), a cluster innovation collaboration between Austin Community College, Austin Technology Incubator, the City of Austin, and industry stakeholders. These partners have a history of success in innovative economic development and ecosystem building. IMPACT Lab fosters connections between manufacturers, college graduates, university researchers, entrepreneurs, and investors. By galvanizing these connections, IMPACT Lab ensures that the region's manufacturing industry continues to grow, lead, and reduce the cost and barriers to entry for physical product innovation.

Federal Share: \$750,000.00

Total Local Match (all community partners): \$817,683.00

City of Austin Portion: \$50,000.00 per year for the duration of three years.

SD23 EDD Key Performance Indicator: Percent of businesses that (responded) report growing year to year.

Attached is the City of Austin's Economic Development Department Letter of Support

Austin Community College Highland Campus at 6101 Highland Campus Drive, Austin, TX 78752 is located within District 4, represented by Council Member Greg Casar.