



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2012, **Agenda Item #:** 19.

5/21/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with the Quality of Life Foundation for job placement and training services in the amount of \$90,000 for the Emerging Leader Summer Internship Program.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$90,000 is available from the Quality of Life Foundation to reimburse expenses in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Austin Public Health Department's Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

June 19, 2019 - Council authorized the negotiation and execution of an agreement with the Quality of Life Foundation on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Harper-Madison absent.

June 14, 2018 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20180614-033 authorizing negotiation and execution of an agreement with the Quality of Life Foundation for job placement and training services and accepting and appropriating grant funds from the Quality of Life Foundation for the Emerging Leader Summer Internship Program, on an 11-0 vote.

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Additional Backup Information:

The Emerging Leader Summer Internship Program (ELSIP) is a program that offers internship opportunities to youth between the ages 15-18. The Youth & Family Services/Youth Initiatives Office, currently located within the Austin Public Health Department, is partnering with the Quality of Life Foundation to provide funds for the ELSIP program. These funds will be used to employ the youth. The Youth & Family Services/Youth Initiatives Office will provide the workforce training necessary to prepare the students to enter the workforce. Youth & Family Services/Youth Initiatives Office has received these funds every year beginning 2013.

Program Background

The ELSIP is an initiative from the U.S. Conference of Mayors and their financial partner, Bank of America. Bank of America provides funds to cities to create summer youth employment opportunities. National teen unemployment rates continue to hover around 24%. Rates are higher in many states and for certain demographic groups. The ELSIP will leverage public and private funding to place low-to-moderate income teens in summer jobs. This program helps meet a critical need for summer youth employment to fill funding gaps with the goal of strengthening our communities. The benefit provides productive summer engagement and learning opportunities for at-risk teens, including a work experience that can set them on a course towards lifetime economic self-sufficiency.

At the end of this program, the youth will have:

- learned how to work in a professional environment;
- learned how to manage their money through financial training that is provided;
- participated in two field trips to learn about government; and
- participated in a Culminating Ceremony where they provide a verbal report on their work.

Agreement

The City was contacted by Bank of America based upon their membership in the U.S. Conference of Mayors. The City was matched with the Quality of Life Foundation. The Foundation applied for funding, and through the agreement to be executed between the City and the Foundation, the City will implement the ELSIP, and expenses in the amount of \$90,000 will be reimbursed by the Quality of Life Foundation.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.