



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1163, **Agenda Item #:** 37.

3/4/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Del Valle Independent School District to provide space on school premises for healthy adolescent services for high school students and their families for a 12-month term with four additional 12-month renewal options with each party providing in-kind services.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

July 29, 2020 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20200729-047 amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Austin Public Health Department's Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20190910-001) to accept and appropriate \$837,000 in grant funds from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of Population Affairs for Optimally Changing the Map for Teen Pregnancy Prevention Tier 1, on a 10-0 vote with Mayor Adler off the dais.

September 17, 2020 - Council authorized the negotiation and execution of contracts with five subgrantees for teen pregnancy prevention services for an initial 12-month term through June 30, 2021 with two 12-month renewal options, which included Integral Care; Nicole Trevino Consulting; SAFE Alliance; The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, School of Public Health; and El Buen Samaritano, on an 11-0 vote.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will enable Austin Public Health's subgrantees to provide healthy adolescent services under the Austin Healthy Adolescent Program (AHA) at Del Valle Independent School District's high-school campus. AHA engages youth through peer-led, comprehensive sexual health education to make informed, sexual-health decisions, and to prevent unplanned pregnancies and HIV/ Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI's). The evidence-based curriculum focuses on safer sexual health practices, healthy relationships, consent, and assertive communication using a trauma-informed approach to sexual health education. The program also connects adolescents with quality, youth-friendly services in Austin/Travis County.

According to the Texas Education Agency 2019 Del Valle High School student profile, 84.9% are Hispanic and/or Latino, 8.9% are African American, 3.8% are White, 1.4% are two or more races and 74.4% are economically disadvantaged. Texas ranked 4th highest out of 50 states and the District of Columbia on final 2016 teen birth rates among females ages 15-19, with a rate of 31 births per 1,000 compared to 20.3 nationally. In Texas, 66% percent of all teen births were to Hispanic females under the age of 20 compared to 36% nationally [U.S. Department of Commerce. (n.d.). U.S. Census Bureau, 2018 5-year American

Community Survey B09001 & B01003, Census Tracts: 24.33,24.35,24.36,22.07,24.32 Data set]. Additionally, STI rates continue to rise throughout the US, where Texas ranks 20th with a rate of 517.6 per 100,000. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (also known as the CDC) ranked Austin 56th among the 100 cities in America with the highest STI rates.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment, Economic Opportunity.