



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Sylnovia Holt-Rabb, Acting Director, Economic Development

DATE: March 18, 2021

SUBJECT: Response to Resolution 20200812-001 - Budget Rider 18

RE:WorkNOW (previously the Make It Now program) is a rapid training effort within the Austin Metro Area Community Workforce Plan, designed to assist 260 of the City of Austin and Travis County's approximately 50,000 jobless residents connect to no-cost, rapid, and safe training. Through Workforce Solutions Capital Area, enrollees in RE:WorkNOW training courses will be provided \$200 weekly stipends, career advising and placement. Childcare, transportation, and digital inclusion will also be provided as needed and as funds are available.

The Re: WorkNOW contract with Workforce Solutions of Central Texas was approved by Council 10/29/2020 and was executed 12/15/20. First quarter deliverables are expected to be provided by the end of March.

Please contact me at synovia.holt-rabb@austintexas.gov if you have any questions or if I can provide any additional information regarding this update.

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