



## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Ratify an agreement with the Quality of Life Foundation for job placement and training services in an amount not to exceed \$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 2020-2021 Austin Public Health Department's Operating Budget.

### **Prior Council Action:**

May 21, 2020 - Council approved Ordinance No.20200521-019 authorizing the 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., on an 11-0 vote.

June 19, 2019 - Council authorized the negotiation and execution of an agreement with the Quality of Life Foundation for job placement and training services in the amount of \$97,500 for the Emerging Leader Summer Internship Program , 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 \$67,500 in grant funds from the Quality of Life Foundation for the Emerging Leader Summer Internship Program, on an 11-0 vote.

June 22, 2017 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20170622-018 to accept and appropriate an additional \$26,700 in grant funds from the Quality of Life Foundation for the Emerging Leader Summer Internship Program in Fiscal Year 2016-2017, on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Troxclair absent.

### **For More Information:**

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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 of 15 through 18. The Youth & Family Services/Youth Initiatives Office, currently located within the Austin Public Health Department, is partnering with the Quality of Life Foundation (Foundation) to provide funds for the ELSIP, which will be used to employ youth in the ELSIP. The Youth & Family Services/Youth Initiatives Office will provide the workforce training necessary to prepare the students to enter the workforce. The Youth & Family Services/Youth Initiatives Office has received these funds every year beginning in 2013.

**Program Background:**

The Emerging Leaders Summer Internship Program 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 Foundation. The Foundation applied for funding, and through the agreement 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 Foundation.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Economic Opportunity & Affordability.