



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-1845, Agenda Item #: 29.

5/19/2022

Posting Language

Authorize the negotiation and execution of an agreement with the Quality of Life Foundation for job placement and training services for the Emerging Leader Summer Internship Program, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$120,000 is available from the Quality of Life Foundation, to reimburse expenses in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

July 29, 2021 - Council ratified an agreement with the Quality of Life Foundation, on an 11-0 vote.

May 21, 2020 - Council authorized the negotiation and execution of an agreement with the Quality of Life Foundation, on an 11-0 vote.

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 amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Austin Public Health Operating Budget to accept and appropriate 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 amending the Fiscal Year 2016- 2017 Human Resources Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20160914-001) to accept and appropriate funds from the Quality of Life Foundation for the Emerging Leader Summer Internship Program in Fiscal Year 2017, on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Troxclair absent.

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Additional Backup Information:

The Emerging Leader Summer Internship Program is a program that offers internship opportunities to youth between the ages of 15-18. Youth & Family Services/Youth Initiatives Office in the Austin Public Health Department, is partnering with the Quality of Life Foundation to provide funds for the Emerging Leader Summer Internship Program. These funds will be used to employ the youth in the program. 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 since 2013.

Program Background:

The Emerging Leaders Summer Internship Program is an initiative from the United States 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 Emerging Leader Summer Internship Program 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
- 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 United States 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 Emerging Leader Summer Internship Program and expenses in the amount of \$120,000, which will be reimbursed by the Quality of Life Foundation.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity & Affordability.