

## **Budget Resolution / Rider: ALTER #3 Workforce & Long-Term Job Training**

**Lead sponsor:** Mayor Pro Tem Alter

**Cosponsors:** Council Member Tovo, Council Member Pool, Council Member Fuentes, Council Member Vela

**WHEREAS**, Strategic Direction 2023 (SD23) is the City's five-year plan and outlines imperatives to advance equitable outcomes across Austin, and

**WHEREAS**, Economic Opportunity & Affordability: having economic opportunities and resources that enable us to thrive in our community is one of the 6 priority SD23 outcomes, and

**WHEREAS**, training for better jobs and ability to improve your income are two of the top indicators for the Economic Opportunity & Affordability outcome in SD23, and

**WHEREAS**, in FY 2022-23, the Economic Development Department (EDD) budgeted \$3,101,305 from ongoing general operating funds to support workforce development contracts, and

**WHEREAS**, the procurement method for those has not been determined at this time, and

**WHEREAS**, in FY 2022-23, EDD has competitively bid several contracts using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding which are anticipated to be coming to Council for approval in September,

### **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL:**

In addition to workforce contracts funded through ARPA allocations, the City Manager is directed to work expeditiously to deploy \$3,101,305 from ongoing general operating funds to support workforce development contracts.

### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

The \$3,101,305 from ongoing general operating funds shall be used to support workforce development contracts that provide long-term job training in the manner of financial support and extensive professional guidance in careers that provide livable wages for Austin, Texas. Funded programs should have a track record of success in significantly increasing participants wages and provide access to higher education without indebtedness. Additionally, the funds shall be used to help ensure that we close in on the gap for workers in high-demand fields in our local employment landscape.

### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

To ensure an efficient deployment of these funds, staff may consider using the \$3,101,305 from ongoing general operating funds to supplement, but not supplant, the competitively bid workforce contracts being funded by ARPA allocations.