



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-3680, **Agenda Item #:** 43.

1/26/2023

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Austin Independent School District to continue the Austin Corps Program for a 12-month term with four 12-month extension options.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

December 17, 2015 - Council authorized the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Austin Independent School District, on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Zimmerman abstaining.

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Additional Backup Information:

The Austin Corps Program (Program) was organized in September 2010 at the request of the Superintendent of the Austin Independent School District and the City Mayor, as a civic engagement program for high school seniors enrolled in government classes at Akins and Crockett High Schools. The Program was established to provide high school students an opportunity to become involved in local government. The students work as interns at City workplaces, learning how to turn classroom experience into a real-life municipality experience.

The Program has expanded since it began operating in 2010, when the Program had approximately 12 students from two schools. The Program initially operated from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Now the Program has grown to 35 students from six schools, which includes Akins, Austin, Crockett, Reagan, LBJ, and Travis. Students participate from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday throughout the school-year.

The Career and Technical Education Division of the Austin Independent School District coordinates with the City Human Resources Department's Youth and Family Services Office to ensure students receive class and school credit for their participation. The Transportation Division of the Austin Independent School District provides transportation for students enrolled in the Program. This interlocal agreement continues a long-standing agreement to provide high school seniors with an opportunity to earn school credit while working in local government. This interlocal agreement is for the exchange of services only and is revenue neutral.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability, Government that Works for All.