



COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

College Student Commission

Recommendation Number: 20230324-10: Continuing College Food Access Grant Program

WHEREAS, The College Student Commission passed Recommendation 20210122-3b: College Food Insecurity Grant Program in January 2021; and

WHEREAS, there are over 100,000 college students in the City of Austin, living across all 10 council districts, including students at Austin Community College, Concordia University, Huston-Tillotson University, St. Edwards University, and the University of Texas at Austin; and

WHEREAS, the College Food Access Grant Program is designed to allow applicants to address food access in the manner that will best support their campuses through mini-grants; and

WHEREAS, learning from student experiences is crucial to addressing food insecurity, and the program model is designed to facilitate student input in grant proposals; and

WHEREAS, the College Food Access Grant Program was allocated \$50,000 in direct support and \$7,500 to support administration as part of the City of Austin's FY 2021-2022 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Food bank administered the College Food Access Grant program during the 2022-2023 academic year, providing funding to 4 colleges and 5 proposals; and

WHEREAS, food insecurity continues to affect Austin-area college campuses with rising costs of food, housing, and other resources; and

WHEREAS, creating a more equitable and affordable city is an ongoing process, and current students are in need of immediate relief; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the College Student Commission recommends Austin City Council allocate \$107,500 in ongoing funding for the College Food Access Grant Program for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget.

Date of Approval: March 24th, 2023

Record of the vote: 8-0

Attest: 