



## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize 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 in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

### **Prior Council Action:**

May 19, 2022 -Council authorized negotiation and execution of an agreement with the Quality of Life Foundation on an 11-0 vote.

July 29, 2021 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of an agreement with the Quality of Life Foundation on an 11-0 vote.

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

### **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 to 18. Youth & Family Services, currently located within the Austin Public Health Department, is partnering with the Quality of Life Foundation (Foundation) to provide funds for ELSIP, which will be used to employ the youth in the program. Youth & Family Services will provide the workforce training necessary to prepare the students to enter the workforce. Youth & Family Services 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. ELSIP will leverage public and private funding to place low-to-moderate-income teens in summer jobs, which 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 work experience that can set them on a course toward 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 are provided a verbal report on their work

Agreement: The City was contacted by Bank of America based on their membership in the U.S. Conference of Mayors and matched with the Foundation. The Foundation applied for funding, and through the agreement to be executed between the City and the Foundation, the City will implement ELSIP, and expenses in the amount of \$120,000 will be reimbursed by the Quality of Life Foundation.