



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2846, **Agenda Item #:** 61.

9/21/2023

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20230816-008) to accept and appropriate \$1,002,000 in grant funds from the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance for the City of Austin Neighborhood Peace Project Expansion, rebranded as ATX Peace.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$1,002,000 is available from the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

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Additional Backup Information:

Austin Public Health has been awarded funding through a federal Congressional earmark via Congressman Lloyd Doggett's Office. This Byrne Discretionary Grants project was authorized for funding in the 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act (Public Law 117-328). The funded project is titled "City of Austin Neighborhood Peace Project Expansion," rebranded as ATX Peace. ATX Peace is a collaboration between Jail to Jobs and Life Anew designed to provide Community Violence Intervention programming to individuals who are at highest risk of being impacted by community violence in crime hotspot locations. ATX Peace utilizes street outreach, conflict mediation, wraparound services, and community engagement to provide much needed support and services to individuals and neighborhoods to reduce acts of violence, enhance community cohesion, and actualize peace.

Jail to Jobs is a 501(c)(3) organization focused on breaking the cycle of recidivism by providing employment-based mentoring, workforce development, basic needs, and emotional development to youthful offenders.

Life Anew is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to restorative justice, increasing social awareness, reducing violence, and creating safe and secure environments through empowering individuals by providing counseling, workshops, training programs, and wraparound services.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, the Department's need for continued funding will be evaluated and may be denied.