



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities

Date: February 13, 2026

Recommendation Number 20260213-008

Subject: Budget Recommendation to the City Council Regarding Therapeutic Recreation Program

Motioned By: Commissioner Vassallo

Seconded By: Chair Kelly

WHEREAS, the City of Austin sponsors the Therapeutic Recreation Program through the Parks and Recreation Department providing activity-based interventions to improve the cognitive, physical, emotional, and social functioning of individuals with disabilities;

WHEREAS, the Therapeutic Recreation Program is held at parks around the city, often serving under resourced members of the community;

WHEREAS, constituents have raised concerns about wait list times and limited locations of the program, which creates barriers to participation for those that need it most; and

WHEREAS, additional funding could expand locations and improve services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities encourages the Austin City Council to allocate additional funds to the Therapeutic Recreation Program with the goal of expanding the locations of services and reducing wait list times.

Date of Approval: February 13, 2026

Record of the vote: **8-0**

For: Chair Kelly, Commissioners Arellano, Chang, Comer-HaGans, Diaz, Murphy, San Martin, Slade, Vassallo

Against:

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Absent: Commissioner Fetonte

Attest: *Nekaybaw Watson*, Staff Liaison