



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities

Date: February 13, 2026

Recommendation Number 20260213-007

Subject: Budget Recommendation to the City Council Regarding Awebility Festival

Motioned By: Chair Kelly

Seconded By: Commissioner Chang

WHEREAS, Commissioner Gabriel Arellano of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities will coordinate a festival celebrating individuals with disabilities and raising awareness, the Awebility Festival;

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities sponsors this festival with its support;

WHEREAS, this festival was coordinated successfully in fall 2025 with limited resources, but desires the City of Austin's financial support to expand its impact; and

WHEREAS, the Awebility Festival will have an outsized impact relative to the cost of support and will help build a stronger community around people with disabilities.

WHEREAS, the AWEbility Festival is seeking funding for the following items the festival venue, accessibility services including ASL interpreters and mobility access, marketing materials, insurance, venue stage, operations including a program manager, and compensation for the festival coordinator.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities encourages the Austin City Council to allocate funds towards the Awebility Festival for 2026.

Date of Approval: February 13, 2026

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

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

Against:

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Attest: *Nekaybaw Watson*, Staff Liaison