



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-0771, **Agenda Item #:** 111.

4/24/2025

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the submission of an application for, and acceptance of grant funding from, the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (OOG CJD) for the Go ATX Youth Project, and to designate the Director of the Austin Public Health Department as the official authorized to apply for, accept, reject, agree to, alter, or terminate the grant and the return of all lost or misused grant funds to OOG CJD. Funding: \$114,527 is available from State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division. A City funding match is not required.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$114,527 is available from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division. A City funding match is not required.

Prior Council Action:

July 20, 2023 - Council approved Resolution No. 20230720-104, which approved acceptance of grant funds for this project on consent by Council Member Ryan Alter's motion, Council Member Qadri's second without objection.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

One of the goals of the Austin Public Health Austin Youth Development (AYD) program is to provide employment services to youth ages 17 to 22. Youth participants in the program are considered full-time, temporary employees, and are encouraged to participate in training and education programs, such as GED or diploma programs, tutoring, and educational career guidance. In addition, there is a mentoring component that includes appropriate behavior, social skills, interview skills, and career and life goal setting.

The Go ATX Youth Project serves as a preventative measure for youth and young adults at risk of not receiving high school credit due to poor attendance. Staff go to the schools one to two times a week during the academic year to deliver career development and life skills to students. The same program is delivered to teen groups at recreation centers during the summer months. The staff utilizes the 40 Developmental Assets Framework, a nationally recognized curriculum promoting youth leadership and relationship development to educate youth on self-worth, critical thinking, and future planning.

In Fiscal Year 2024, the Go ATX Youth Project served 321 youth in the following areas: in-school sessions at Austin high schools, the Teen Programs at parks and recreation centers, and through summer internships, apprenticeships, trade work opportunities, and various certifications. The project collaborates with professionals from around the Austin area, exposing youth to various career paths. To this end, the Go ATX

Youth Project is a safe and restorative measure to assist youth in making positive choices, developing career plans, and successfully completing high school.