

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, Austin Parks and Recreation was awarded up to \$25,000 in grant funding from the RCX Sports Foundation for the MLS GO PLAY FUND - NRPA Grant to establish a new co-ed recreational youth soccer program dedicated to providing an inclusive and high-quality soccer experience for kids ages 4-12; and

WHEREAS, the grant will cover up to \$25,000 and can be used to offset costs such as player subsidies, equipment, and safety requirements, with funding amounts determined on a case-by-case basis depending on financial need in an effort to make soccer fun and affordable, ensuring more kids have the opportunity to play; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Kirk Watson, as a member of the United States Conference of Mayors, received 200 FIFA World Cup 2026 official match balls, in celebration of the largest sporting event in history and to embrace the power of sport to make impactful social and community change; and

WHEREAS, the 200 soccer balls were given to Austin Parks and Recreation to support the inaugural season of the City's MLS GO partnership designed to teach fundamental skills, community building, and foster a lifelong love of the game; and

WHEREAS, Council approved Resolution No. 20260122-085 establishing a City Council Office Budget and Expense Policy permitting the transfer of district funds to a City department, contingent upon Council approval of a resolution that clearly documents the maximum amount, purpose, and recipient department(s) of the proposed transfer; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

City Council authorizes the expenditure of up to \$25,000 from Mayor Kirk Watson's office operating budget for use by Austin Parks and Recreation to match the funds received from the RCX Sports Foundation's MLS GO PLAY FUND - NRPA Grant Program to support the City's new co-ed youth soccer program and bolster the City's new MLS GO partnership to help break down barriers to entry and make soccer accessible to all.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Council approval of this expenditure authorization is granted only through December 31, 2028, subject to Council budget approval, and must be reauthorized if an extension is needed beyond this date.

ADOPTED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____

Erika Brady
City Clerk