

CAPITAL BUDGET

FISCAL NOTE

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

2/3/22

CONTACT DEPARTMENT:

Austin Transportation

Approve an ordinance authorizing negotiation and execution of an interlocal cooperation agreement with the University of Texas to accept grant funds in the amount of \$25,000 as a sub awardee of the National Science Foundation for the “Civic Innovation Challenge” project to address the spatial mismatch between affordable housing and jobs by creating a community hub for smart mobility; amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Austin Transportation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20210811-001) to accept funds from the University of Texas in the amount of \$25,000; and amending the Austin Transportation Department Capital Budget (Ordinance 20210811-001) to transfer in and appropriate \$25,000 for the implementation of the project.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT

Department:	Austin Transportation
Project Name:	NSF Civic Innovation Challenge
Project Authorization:	2021-2022 Capital Budget
Funding Source(s):	National Science Foundation
CIP FDU:	8950-2507-NEW
Unencumbered Balance	\$0
This Action	<u>\$25,000</u>
Estimated Available	<u>\$25,000</u>

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The University of Texas at Austin (UT), Austin Transportation (ATD), and local non-profit Jail to Jobs were selected as awardees of the Civic Innovation Challenge. The Civic Innovation Challenge is a national research and action competition that supports ready-to-implement pilot projects that have the potential to produce scalable, sustainable, and transferable solutions to address community-identified challenges. The competition is funded by the U.S. National Science Foundation, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy and U.S. Department of Homeland Security. This funding will primarily be used to allow Jail-to-Jobs, the project’s non-profit partner, to operate the neighborhood circulator service and maintain the community mobility hub. The organization is based in the Georgian Acres neighborhood.

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