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**TO:** Members of the Commissioners Court

**FROM:** *Kathleen Woods for Sherri E. Fleming*  
Sherri E. Fleming, County Executive  
Travis County Health and Human Services and Veteran Services

**SUBJECT:** Travis County Collaborative After School Program

**Proposed Motion:**

Consider and take appropriate action to approve one-time funding in the amount of \$322,172 to contract with the Austin Independent School District for After-School Care Services and transfer this funding from reserves to HHS&VS Department.

**Summary and Staff Recommendations:**

Travis County contracts with the Austin Independent School District (AISD) to provide afterschool activities for students attending Pearce, Webb, Ann Richards, Gus Garcia, and Paredes middle schools. AISD serves as the lead agency in a collaboration that includes the Boys and Girls Club, Council On At Risk Youth (CARY), Communities In Schools (CIS), and the African American Youth Harvest Foundation. This collaboration is called the Travis County Collaborative Afterschool Program (TCCAP), and it offers a wide variety of classes and activities that includes tutoring in all subjects, programs to help students make the transition to middle school and high school, recreation, fitness, character and leadership development, violence prevention, life skills, and the arts.

Travis County's investment in afterschool programming was supplemented by a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant awarded by the Texas Education Agency through the Department of Education to AISD. This grant funding allowed for the expansion of services at targeted middle schools as well as the addition of afterschool programming at targeted elementary feeder schools. In addition to the 1125 middle school students served, TCCAP served another 500 elementary school students in the previous academic year. The 21<sup>st</sup> Century grant funding was dramatically reduced for this school year, resulting

in 500 elementary school students no longer being able to receive services and creating reduced funding at Pearce Middle School.

Approval of this funding will result in 500 elementary students at Barrington, Winn, Norman, Pecan Springs, and Harris continuing to receive afterschool program services, and 80 students at Pearce Middle School. Anticipated results include improved grades, improved passing rates, improved promotion rates, and increased positive attitudes about school.

Travis County's investment will be supported with funding from AISD and the Boys and Girls Club in the amount of \$493,689 at Elementary Schools (expansion) and \$702,233 at Middle Schools served under the Travis County Collaborative Afterschool Program.

**Budgetary and Fiscal Impact:**

The FY '14 contract award is \$408,600. The contract is adding an additional \$322,172 in one-time funds and will bring the total contract award to \$730,772.

Budget Adjustment #400004423 was processed transferring these funds to HHS&VS department budget. Funds are currently in cost center: 1580270001.

The contract term for FY '14 is January 1, 2014 to September 30, 2014.

**Issues and Opportunities:**

Funding this request will allow the continuation of afterschool programming at five (5) elementary schools that feed into middle schools that are served by the Travis County afterschool program. The five elementary schools are located in the neighborhoods surrounding the current TCCAP middle schools: Barrington and Winn feeds into Webb, Norman feeds into Garcia and Pecan Springs and Harris feeds in to Pearce. There is now a continuum of services in these neighborhoods so that entire families and communities can be served, and a culture of attending afterschool programs has been fostered. This funding will leverage other resources that will result in an additional 580 students attending afterschool programming. Students will not only receive out of school time enrichment, academic support, and case management during the school year, but they will also have connection to summer activities through the African American Youth Harvest Foundation.

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