



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** Res. 2020-32R, **Version:** 1

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**AGENDA CAPTION:**

Consider approval of Resolution 2020-32R, approving an agreement with Texas State University, San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District, and Hays County providing for the joint funding of a contract with Community Action, Inc. of Central Texas to provide personnel to serve as a youth services director to administer youth services and programs for the benefit of the City and such entities; authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the agreement; and declaring an effective date.

**Meeting date:** February 18, 2020

**Department:** Parks and Recreation Department

**Amount & Source of Funding**

**Funds Required:** N/A

**Account Number:** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

**Funds Available:** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

**Account Name:** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

**Fiscal Note:**

**Prior Council Action:** On September 17, 2019 the City Council provided direction to staff to move forward with a proposed concept to contract with a local non-profit organization for a period of two-years, and execute the funding and hiring of this full-time, executive level position.

**City Council Strategic Initiative:** [Please select from the dropdown menu below]

N/A

[Choose an item.](#)

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**Comprehensive Plan Element (s):** [Please select the Plan element(s) and Goal # from dropdown menu below]

Economic Development - [Choose an item.](#)

Environment & Resource Protection - [Choose an item.](#)

Land Use - [Choose an item.](#)

- Neighborhoods & Housing - Choose an item.
- Parks, Public Spaces & Facilities - Choose an item.
- Transportation - Choose an item.
- Core Services
- Not Applicable

**Master Plan:** *[Please select the corresponding Master Plan from the dropdown menu below (if applicable)]*

Youth Master Plan

**Background Information:**

Representatives from the Core 4 entities, the City of San Marcos, Hays County, San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District, and Texas State University, met on August 9, 2019 to discuss the implementation of the Youth Master Plan. Discussions were held regarding the need for a high-level position dedicated to the implementation and organization of the Youth Master Plan and its initiatives.

On September 17, 2019 the City Council provided direction to staff to move forward with a proposed concept to contract with a local non-profit organization for a period of two-years, and execute the funding and hiring of this full-time, executive level position.

On December 16, 2019 the SMCISD Board of Trustees voted to approve the overall initiative, including the financial contribution.

During Texas State University's budget process during the Fall of 2019 they too approved the overall initiative and the financial contribution.

On January 21, 2020 the Hays County Commissioners Court voted to approve the overall initiative, including the financial contribution.

The City of San Marcos will fund 50% of this position and the other three entities equally funding the balance. The anticipated cost to Core 4 partners is a not to exceed amount of \$20,000 per year.

While all entities will work with this position, the City of San Marcos will be the contracting agent with Community Action Inc of Central Texas. Once the contract has been approved by both parties the City will be seeking formal collaboration through a Memorandum of Agreement with our Core 4 partners.

The following are the draft deliverables that Community Action is expected to perform as part of this endeavor:

- Partner with Texas State University, San Marcos CISD, and community-based organizations to develop out-of-school time programming focused on building a college-going and career-ready culture and increasing levels of post-secondary educational attainment among teenagers throughout Hays County
  
- Work in tandem with the Core 4 and members of the community at large, to develop and implement a sustainable, community-wide mentoring program for teens focused on goal-setting and educational achievement grounded in research and best-practices

- Provide quarterly progress reports on deliverables, budget, research metrics, and program implementation to members of the Core 4 entities
  
- Work with Texas State University faculty in conducting research on programs that produce positive mental health outcomes in young people, collect relevant social statistics, and develop indicative longitudinal metrics to gauge efficacy of programming
  
- Work with Core Four partners to establish best practices for working with youth around the intersection of mental health and school safety
  
- Work with Hays County to pilot a juvenile diversion program that incorporates preventative mental health programming and creates pathways for post-secondary success
  
- Provide opportunities for Texas State University faculty to conduct local research on issues pertaining to mentoring, poverty, family, at-risk youth, and children work with the Early Childhood Coalition of Hays County to promote kindergarten readiness.

**Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:**

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**Alternatives:**

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**Recommendation:**

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