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June 4, 2012

Denise E. O'Donnell, Director
Bureau of Justice Assistance
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20531
Sent via the Grants Management System

RE: Fiscal Agent – City of Austin Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

On behalf of the Austin Police Department, I am submitting the City of Austin Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program grant application. The proposed program will focus on the public safety and social service needs of Rundberg neighborhood, which is one Austin's most highly distressed neighborhoods. The Austin Police Department will serve as Fiscal Agent for this grant project.

The APD Financial Management staff will monitor all phases of project planning and implementation, complete all required federal reporting, and regularly audit contracts awarded. APD will absorb the costs of managing this program into the City general operating budget as an in-kind contribution.

The Rundberg neighborhood has well-established cross-sector partnerships and the capacity to successfully revitalize the designated neighborhood. The vision and current activities of APD are directly in line with the goals, objectives, and activities of the City of Austin BCJI Program.

The Austin Police Department is fully committed to working with the community and stakeholders to ensure the success of this neighborhood revitalization project.

Sincerely,

Art Acevedo
Chief of Police



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RE: Law Enforcement Partner – City of Austin Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

On behalf of the Austin Police Department, I am submitting the City of Austin Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program grant application. The proposed program will focus on the public safety and social service needs of Rundberg neighborhood, which is one Austin's most highly distressed neighborhoods. The Austin Police Department will serve as the designated law enforcement agency for this grant project.

Sworn and civilian personnel will take part in the all phases of project planning, evaluation, and implementation. We look forward to working with the University of Texas, cross-sector partners, and community members to implement strategies that will reduce crime and improve social impacts within the Rundberg neighborhood and surrounding areas. The Rundberg neighborhood has well-established cross-sector partnerships and the capacity to successfully revitalize the designated neighborhood. The vision and current activities of APD are directly in line with the goals, objectives, and activities of the City of Austin BCJI Program.

The budget and program narrative document the in-kind contributions of the City. We anticipate leveraging over \$1 million dollars during the 3-year grant project. The Austin Police Department is fully committed to working with the community and stakeholders to ensure the success of this neighborhood revitalization project.

Sincerely,

Art Acevedo
Chief of Police



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
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June 5, 2012

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RE: FY2012 Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

As Associate Professor for the Department of Sociology and Faculty Research Associate for the Population Research Center at the University of Texas at Austin, I will act as the lead research partner for the City of Austin Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program. The University of Texas at Austin is one of the largest campuses in the nation with a student population of over 50,000, an operating budget over \$2 billion, and annual research funding of more than \$600 million. The university maintains a vested interest in public safety and quality of life issues citywide. The goals, objectives, and activities described in the City's proposal are directly in line with those of the university.

For 15 years I have conducted extensive research examining the effects of neighborhood conditions on criminal behavior, and was a member of a recent National Institute of Justice topical working group tasked with describing the state of knowledge on the relationship between neighborhood conditions and crime as well as addressing emerging issues and research needs in neighborhood crime prevention. The Rundberg Neighborhood is one of Austin's most highly distressed areas. The neighborhood is a perfect fit for this funding stream as residents and community leaders have well-established cross-sector partnerships and the capacity to sustain successful activities and initiatives for many years to come. Grant funding will allow my time, as well as the time of a university graduate student, to be dedicated to this project for the three-year grant period. Over the project period, I will work with the City of Austin, the Austin Police Department, and the other cross-sector partners to analyze the crime drivers in the Rundberg Neighborhood, conduct baseline and follow-up surveys of the neighborhood, and provide comprehensive public safety and social impact evaluations and recommendations to effectively address the short and long-term needs of the neighborhood. In addition, I will provide guidance for the Rundberg Revitalization Team through the extensive planning and implementation processes.

The University of Texas is committed to working with the City of Austin and other community members and stakeholders to ensure the success of this neighborhood revitalization project. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal. If you need additional information, please contact me at 512-471-0141 or dkirk@prc.utexas.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. S. Kirk".

David S. Kirk



Housing Authority of the City of Austin

Established in 1937

June 5, 2012

Board of Commissioners
Henry Flores, Chairman
Carl S. Richie, Jr.
Charles Bailey
Tyra Duncan-Hall
Thelma Pannell

President & CEO
James L. Hargrove

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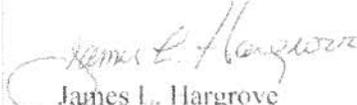
The Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) will take part in the all phases of project planning and implementation. I look forward to learning about nationally recognized community-based strategies that will improve our local situation. The Rundberg neighborhood has well-established cross-sector partnerships and the capacity to successfully revitalize the designated neighborhood.

HACA's vision and current activities are directly in line with the goals, objectives, and activities of the City of Austin BCJI Program.

As a member of the Rundberg Revitalization Team, HACA will contribute an in kind donation of \$55,000 in services paid from HACA to the Austin Police Department for a police liaison.

HACA is committed to working with the City of Austin and other community members and stakeholders to ensure the success of this neighborhood revitalization project.

Sincerely,


James L. Hargrove
President and CEO

We, the Housing Authority of the City of Austin, dedicate ourselves to creating and sustaining healthy communities that promote individual responsibility, economic growth, human dignity, and hope for the future.

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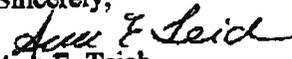
I am writing to express support for the City of Austin Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program grant application. The proposed program will focus on the public safety and social service needs of Rundberg neighborhood, which is one Austin's most highly distressed neighborhood. I have lived in this area for 27 years and am a graduate of Lanier High School, one of the area schools.

Through my association with the North Austin Civic Association (my neighborhood association), I will take part in the all phases of project planning and implementation. I look forward to learning about nationally recognized community-based strategies that will improve our local situation. The Rundberg neighborhood has well-established cross-sector partnerships and the capacity to successfully revitalize the designated neighborhood. The vision of NACA and our current activities are directly in line with the goals, objectives, and activities of the City of Austin BCJI Program.

As a member of the Rundberg Revitalization Team, I will contribute volunteer time and leverage relationships I have across Austin.

I am committed to working with the City of Austin and other community members and stakeholders to ensure the success of this neighborhood revitalization project.

Sincerely,


Ann E. Teich
Vice President, North Austin Civic Association
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Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

I am writing to express support for the City of Austin Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program grant application. The proposed program will focus on the public safety and social service needs of Rundberg neighborhood, which is one Austin's most highly distressed neighborhood.

Individually as a member of the North Austin Civic Association (NACA), I will take part in the all phases of project planning and implementation. I look forward to learning about nationally recognized community-based strategies that will improve our local situation. The Rundberg neighborhood has well-established cross-sector partnerships and the capacity to successfully revitalize the designated neighborhood. My vision of my organization and my current activities are directly in line with the goals, objectives, and activities of the City of Austin BCJI Program.

As a member of the Rundberg Revitalization Team, I and other members whom I recruit will contribute volunteer time to the program.

I am committed to working with the City of Austin and other community members and stakeholders to ensure the success of this neighborhood revitalization project.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Langsdorf
President, North Austin Civic Association

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RE: FY2012 Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

I am writing to express support for the City of Austin's Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program grant application focusing on the public safety and revitalization of the Rundberg/Lamar "International District" neighborhood center.

In 2007, our neighborhood began a facilitated planning process, engaging residents, business and property owners, and community associations in identifying what we valued about our neighborhood and what needed to change. Overwhelmingly, crime was the top issue. We noted in particular the impact of low level drugs and prostitution – while each individual incident may be small, the cumulative effect is an isolating environment where neighbors are not comfortable greeting strangers, taking a stroll, or allowing their children to play outside.

We also identified our neighborhood assets – affordable housing, access to transit, a mix of longtime residents and new immigrants from all over the world. Since the Austin City Council approved the completed neighborhood plan in 2010, we have been broadening participation by neighborhood stakeholders and working with city departments and other agencies to use those assets to implement the changes we identified. We look forward to learning about successful strategies from other parts of the country, and to leveraging the Byrne grant cash award to adapt and apply them here.

The North Lamar neighborhood team is committed to working with the City of Austin and other community members and stakeholders to ensure the success of this neighborhood revitalization project. We anticipate participating through individual volunteers, in particular connecting across language and cultural barriers, and through private sector donations.

Sincerely,

Lisa Hinely
Chair, North Lamar neighborhood plan contact team
PO Box 4233
Austin TX 78765

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Rosemary Lehmberg ★ Travis County District Attorney

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June 6, 2012

Denise E. O'Donnell
Director
Bureau of Justice Assistance
Office of Justice Programs
810 Seventh Street NW, Fourth Floor
Washington, DC 20531

RE: FY2012 Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

On behalf of the Travis County District Attorney's Office, I would like to extend my support for the City of Austin's Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program grant application. The proposed program will focus on the public safety and social service needs of one of Austin's most highly distressed neighborhoods through rigorous planning and the implementation of proven communitybased strategies.

My office is committed to working with the City of Austin and community members to ensure the success of this neighborhood revitalization project.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Lehmberg



City of Austin

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – Neighborhood Connectivity Division

One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road, Suite 750

Telephone (512) 974-6505

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Through my association with the City of Austin Neighborhood Connectivity Division, I will be involved in the project planning and implementation of the proposed program and look forward to learning about nationally recognized community-based strategies that will improve our local situation. The Rundberg neighborhood has well-established cross-sector partnerships and the capacity to successfully revitalize the designated neighborhood. Our organization strives to be the most responsive, respectful, and resourceful stewards of Public Works and to provide quality bicycle and pedestrian projects for the citizens and visitors of Austin. A safe community improves the quality of life for all residents, and allows them to feel comfortable walking and bicycling as a means of active, sustainable transportation. Therefore, our current activities are directly in line with the goals, objectives, and activities of the City of Austin BCJI Program.

As a member of the Rundberg Revitalization Team, the Neighborhood Connectivity Division will contribute staff time to coordinate the efforts to revitalize this area of high distress. We are committed to working with the City of Austin Police Department and the other community members and stakeholders to ensure the success of this neighborhood revitalization project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Annick Beaudet".

Annick Beaudet, AICP
Program Consultant-Planning
Neighborhood Connectivity Division
Public Works Department
City of Austin