



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Parks & Recreation Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Homer Garcia III

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 1

SUBJECT:

Funding Agreement with Urban Champions Academy

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the Parks and Recreation Department to execute a Funding Agreement with Urban Champions Academy for operations, maintenance, and programming at Old Spanish Trail Park in Council District 1.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Urban Champions Academy (UCA), also known as Urban Soccer Leadership Academy (USLA), has established a community presence over the last seven years. Through a Sports License Agreement, USLA utilizes the sports fields at Old Spanish Trail Park to provide organized youth sports activities year-round. The current Sports License Agreement began on July 16, 2021 and expires on December 31, 2026, with one, two-year administrative extension. In lieu of rent, the league is responsible for operations, maintenance, and programming of the designated sports fields at Old Spanish Trails. In addition, the league is permitted to operate concessions with proceeds benefitting their program and to offset the cost of operations and maintenance.

This Funding Agreement will support the UCA’s request for programmatic funding for the year-round “Mind Body Soul and YOU,” program. Target students will include at-risk youth in local middle and high schools. This wellness enrichment and college prep pathway program is driven by a holistic and repetitive approach. The goal of the program is to provide a variety of wrap-around services to include mentorship, counseling, tutoring, college advising, and intervention referrals in education and employment placement. The one-time funding will support contract labor stipends, sports field maintenance, utilities, improvements, and support services for college-bound students.

ISSUE:

This ordinance authorizes the Parks and Recreation Department to execute a Funding Agreement with Urban Champions Academy for operations, maintenance, and programming at Old Spanish Trail Park in Council District 1. This action is consistent with the adopted SA Parks System Plan by leveraging community partnerships to expand recreational opportunities in the community.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council could elect not to approve this action and require the Department to work with Urban Champions Academy to modify the scope of services with a focus on recreational services solely.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes a Funding Agreement Urban Champions Academy, for a total amount of \$300,000.00. Funding is available from the adopted FY 2024 General Fund Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval to execute a Funding Agreement with Urban Champions Academy for operations, maintenance, and other programming at Old Spanish Trail Park in Council District 1.