From: <u>Innovation Black Chamber</u>

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Subject: Juneteenth Festival

Date: Monday, May 16, 2022 2:13:01 PM

Good afternoon,

In accordance with Sec 2.80, I would like to request IBCC Juneteenth Festival be up for a recommendation for the Council to be added as a Special Event supported by the City.

The Juneteenth Festival is a free community event that is held every Juneteenth weekend. The Juneteenth Festival is also a fundraising event that invests back into the small business community. In the first year, we raised \$5,000. In the second year we raised \$15,000 and this year we have a goal to raise \$20,000.

Last year's small business grant recipient received \$5k, 2nd runner-up received \$3k and the final grant recipient received \$2k.

Our ultimate goal is to one day raise \$100k and stimulate the small business community with this Juneteenth Grant.

We would love to be the 12th event listed.

Sec. 2-80. Assistance to Community Organizations for Special Events. Provided that adequate funding exists, the City will support the following community events on an annual basis, by providing in-kind (non-monetary) services. The City Council further determines that there is a public purpose for the support of these community events.

- 1. Christmas Parade
- 2. Veterans Day Parade
- 3. Wreaths for Vets
- 4. Celebrate Killeen Festival

- 5. Memorial Day Ceremony
- 6. Holiday Under the Stars
- 7. Killeen Rodeo
- 8. Food for Families
- 9. HEB Feast of Sharing
- 10. Breast Cancer 5K
- 11. MLK Day Walk

