

AGENDA



Thursday, September 27, 2007

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
Item No. 14

Subject: Authorize execution of a 12-month local match agreement with WORKSOURCE GREATER AUSTIN AREA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, Austin, TX for child care services in an estimated annual amount not to exceed \$331,832, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$331,832 per extension option, for an estimated total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,327,328.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. The initial period of the agreement is October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Vince Cobalis, Asst. Director, Human Services, 972-5011; Ron Hubbard, Early Childhood Coordinator, 972-5028; Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023.

Boards and Commission Action: Reviewed by the Child Care Council.

Prior Council Action: Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget approval 9/xx/2007.

WorkSource – Greater Austin Area Workforce Development Board, as the local agent for the Texas Workforce Commission, distributes state and federal child care funding for low-income working families in Travis County. The State of Texas does not match all available federal child care funding. City funds can be used as local matching funds. The Child Care Local Match Contribution Agreement will provide the local match for federal funds anticipated to be at a 31.34% local to 68.66% federal matching ratio, which results in about \$2.19 in federal match for each City dollar. This agreement will leverage an estimated \$726,982 in federal child care funds. The resulting total estimated child care funding will be \$1,058,814 for City of Austin client families.

The agreement is a continuation of the City's social services child care program for low-income families in partnership with Travis County and WorkSource that began in FY 2005.

The City payment will be transferred to WorkSource in order for the funds to be matched with federal funds. The federal funds will not come to the City. The federal matching funds and the City funds will go into the State's automated child care payment system at the Texas Workforce Commission solely for WorkSource's use as directed by the City.

Performance Measures (estimates)

Related Goals:

Prevention/Provision: Social Services – promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors and lifestyle among targeted populations

Outputs

Number of children provided child care services (unduplicated)	411
Number of child care enrollment days (full and part-time)	55,504
Outcomes	
Federal Match received for City clients' use	\$726,982
Percent of parents satisfied with child care services	90%
Demand	
Unmet demand for subsidized child care (waiting list)	1,750