

AGENDA



Thursday, September 25, 2008

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 29**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of Renewal and Amendment Number 1 to the Interlocal Agreement with Travis County under which the City of Austin will provide public health services, including animal control and shelter services, to Travis County for a one-year term beginning October 1, 2008, in exchange for compensation in the amount of \$2,967,883.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding from Travis County in the amount of \$2,967,883 was included in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget of the Health and Human Services Department General Fund. The first renewal term of the agreement is for the period October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009.

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

For More Information: Shannon Jones III, Acting Director, 972-5416; Melanie Miller, Chief Administrative Officer, 972-5045; Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023.

Prior Council Action: Council approved the initial term of the interlocal agreement on October 18, 2007. Approval of Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget, September 8, 2008.

BACKGROUND

The City Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) has provided public health services and animal services, including animal control and shelter services to Travis County through various agreements since 1985. After several years of work by City and County staff to consolidate the patchwork of agreements and amendments, the Travis County Commissioners Court and Austin City Council approved the current Interlocal Agreement on September 27, 2007 and October 18, 2007, respectively.

The original Agreement term was for the period of October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008, and provides for up to four 12-month renewal terms. Approval of this RCA will authorize renewal and amendment of the Agreement for a second one-year term.

Based on the cost model approved last year, Travis County will pay \$2,967,883 for services in FY09. The annual amount is \$334,486 more than the FY08 amount. In addition to amending the compensation amount, the following attachments will be replaced: Attachment C, "Financial and Performance Reports/Forms" and Attachment E, "Invoice Form."

Except for these amendments, staff does not expect the Agreement terms to change. There are no anticipated changes in services to be provided by the City on behalf of the County and any slight performance differences were provided with the proposed cost model and performance document presented to Travis County in preparation for the budget process.