

## AGENDA



Thursday, August 6, 2009

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 23**

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**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Texas Department of State Health Services for anti-viral medication for the Health and Human Services Department in an estimated amount not to exceed \$11,693. **Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the approved Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) Special Revenue Fund, Public Health and Emergency Preparedness grant. The grant period is August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2010.

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

**For More Information:** Lynn Mueller, Contract Compliance Manager, 972-4011

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Approval of this Interlocal Agreement with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) will allow the City of Austin to purchase approximately 800 doses of the antiviral medications Tamiflu and Relenza to be used in response to the H1N1 swine influenza virus.

The federal and state government encourages local governments involved in response to the H1N1 influenza virus to stockpile local caches of antiviral medications. This purchase of antiviral medication will allow HHSD to add to its existing stockpile of antiviral medication. These medications will be used for outbreak control and treatment for first responders and their families. This will keep manpower available to provide critical functions within the City of Austin.

The United States Department of Health and Human Services and DSHS have made these antiviral medications available to the City at a subsidized rate which is less than 25% of the market price. Under this contract, Tamiflu is available at \$14.43 per treatment course and Relenza is available at \$16.29 per treatment course.

The City has received a verbal commitment from DSHS that the contract term has been extended to August 31, 2009 to allow local health department and other eligible entities to purchase antiviral medications at this subsidized rate.

This agreement is entered into under the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code.