

AGENDA



Thursday, December 10, 2009

**Police
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 29**

Subject: Authorize the execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Austin and Travis County to reimburse the Travis County Sheriff's Office up to \$20,000 for peace officer overtime incurred while working on Human Trafficking cases as part of the Austin/Travis County Human Trafficking Law Enforcement Task Force.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Special Revenue Fund of the Austin Police Department from the Bureau of Justice Assistance "Law Enforcement Response to Human Trafficking" grant program.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

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This action would authorize the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with Travis County to allow for reimbursement by the City for overtime hours incurred by Travis County Sheriff's Office peace officers working on Human Trafficking cases as part of the Austin/Travis County Human Trafficking Law Enforcement Task Force. The Travis County Sheriff's Office is an original member of the Task Force and has received overtime reimbursement under previously executed interlocal agreements.

"Human Trafficking" means deceiving or coercing people under threat of harm, usually for the purpose of compelling them to engage in forced labor or sexual exploitation. Human Trafficking investigations form the

law enforcement basis of this Agreement. Human Trafficking must not be confused with human smuggling which is when an individual voluntarily seeking out a smuggler pays a fee in exchange for transport to a destination and is free to do as one wishes upon reaching his destination.

Under this Agreement, the City agrees to reimburse Travis County for peace officer overtime costs, not to exceed \$20,000, for the period of December 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010 for Travis County Sheriff's Office peace officer overtime hours for Human Trafficking cases investigated by the Task Force. The overtime rate charged by the County will be consistent with the actual rate received by the officer assigned to the investigations. The County agrees to make available one (1) Deputy Sheriff to work jointly with Task Force law enforcement agencies in cooperation with the Office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas in the investigation and prosecution of Human Trafficking cases. Funding for the overtime costs comes from the Bureau of Justice Assistance "Law Enforcement Response to Human Trafficking" grant program.