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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	9310	Agenda Number	17.
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Meeting Date:	9/22/2011	Department:	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month local match agreement with WORKSOURCE GREATER AUSTIN AREA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD d/b/a WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS - CAPITAL AREA WORKFORCE BOARD for child care services in an amount not to exceed \$331,832, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$331,832 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,327,328.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$331,832 will be available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Approved Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. The initial period of the agreement is October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012. 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.

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action:

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Boards and Commission Action:

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

Workforce Solutions - Capital Area Workforce Board (WFS), as local agent for the Texas Workforce Commission, distributes state and federal child care funding for low-income working families in Austin/Travis County. The federal government allows states to use both state and local government funds as match to increase utilization of the federal Health and Human Services Department's Child Care and Development Fund dollars. The State does not match all available federal child care funding, so local government funds can be used to increase the available match. 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 Workforce Solutions that began in FY 2005. The City payment will be transferred to WFS in order for the funds to be matched with federal funds. The federal matching funds and the City funds go directly into the State's automated child care payment system at the Texas Workforce Commission solely for WFS's use as directed by the City. The amount of available matching funds is contingent on the federal Child Care and Development Fund budget and the Texas Workforce Commission's allocation to Austin/Travis County through WFS.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

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)	435
Number of child care enrollment days (full and part-time)	50,418

Outcomes

Federal Match received for City clients' child care (estimate)	\$726,982
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Demand

Unmet demand for subsidized child care (waiting list average)	2,000
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