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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	9432	Agenda Number	23.
Meeting Date:	9/22/2011		Department:	Health and Human Services	
Subject					
Approve negotiation and execution of an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT for the following four programs, Community Education, Victory Tutorial, Prime Time Program and the Adult Basic Education/English as a Second Language, to extend the term for six months beginning October 1, 2011, in an amount not to exceed \$714,422, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,214,901.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding in the amount of \$714,422 is included in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget for the Health and Human Services Department.					
Fiscal Note					
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:	Council approved an Austin Independent School District Interlocal Agreement, December 17, 2009. On June 23, 2011 Council authorized extension of existing contracts through March 31, 2012.				
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Boards and Commission Action:					
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Related Items:					
Additional Backup Information					

Although there have been competitive processes for specific services there has not been an overall social services competitive process since 1999. With leadership from the Public Health and Human Services Committee last year, an RFP was developed for Social Service contracts to address the self sufficiency continuum identified in the current City Comprehensive Plan.

On June 23, 2011, Council directed the City Manager to extend current contracts through March 31, 2012. New contracts will begin April 1, 2012.

The extension of current contracts for six additional months will allow agencies that will not have ongoing funding to adjust to budget changes and staff to negotiate new performance measures with the identified proposers.

The City has a long history of contracting with Austin Independent School District (AISD) to provide a wide range of youth development and educational services to the community. Council approved an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Austin and AISD for a nine-month term, beginning on January 1, 2010 with one twelve-month renewal option which was exercised for the period from October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011.

Rationale

By extending our existing contracts for six additional months we will provide a thoughtful transition period that will provide both new and existing agencies that are not recommended for funding an opportunity to adequately plan for the future.

Based on available funds, staff recommends that the City continue to purchase these services from AISD for a six month transition period by entering into 6 month renewals from October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012. The Interlocal Agreement continues four long-standing City-funded school programs: Community Education, Victory Tutorial, After-School Enrichment and the Adult Basic Education/English as a Second Language (ABE /ESL) program.

Community Education: The purpose of the Community Education Program is to: (1) encourage life-long learners with a love of learning (2) improve the quality of life in Austin (3) and build a community of learners and teachers. This program involves students, families and community members in educational, social recreational and civic programs. Programs include: after-school child care, enrichment classes, summer camps, tutorial and homework assistance at libraries and schools, parent support programs and family resource centers.

After School Enrichment Program (Prime Time)

Program develops a community of learners centered on community schools involving teachers, parents & students providing free after school classes and activities to reinforce student academic skills in safe, supervised & structured environments. This program currently operates in 25 AISD schools.

English as a Second Language (ESL)

English as a Second Language classes are provided primarily in the evenings in AISD schools to adults to improve their proficiency in speaking, reading and writing.

AISD Victory Tutorial

Provides free tutoring for students in grades 1-12 to develop learning skills and positive self-concept. Program uses volunteers and is offered in seven branch libraries - Carver, Cepeda, Daniel E. Ruiz, Little Walnut Creek, Twin Oaks Branch, Southeast Austin and University Hills.

Attachment A provides program descriptions and related performance measures for AISD.