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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	17868	Agenda Number	11.
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Meeting Date:	9/27/2012	Department:	Communications and Technology Mgmt
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County for the one-time transfer of \$454,678 to the City for the purchase of 9-1-1 related equipment, maintenance, services and training to support the Combined Transportation, Emergency and Communications Center Public Safety and Emergency Management agencies.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$454,678 is available to be transferred to the City of Austin in Fiscal Year 2013. These funds were 9-1-1 emergency calling fees collected by CAPCOG from 2007 through 2009 and transferred to Travis County in 2011. Future funding is contingent upon CAPCOG budgets.

Fiscal Note

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

Under Rule 251.3 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) returns unused 9-1-1 revenue to Travis County to help purchase 9-1-1-related services and equipment. Use of these funds must be associated with the design and support of 9-1-1 systems and facilities and/or the purchase and maintenance of equipment and personnel necessary to establish and operate public safety answering points and related operations within Travis County.

These funds come to the County every two years. In previous funding cycles, the funds have been used to construct the Combined Transportation, Emergency, and Communications (CTECC) 9-1-1 Backup Center, support 9-1-1 call-taking systems at CTECC, and replace dispatch console computers and audio recording systems. In 2011, Travis County received \$454,678, which will be used in 2013 to accommodate remote access by agencies dispatched by Austin Fire to allow them to retrieve their call record data from AFD's records management system. Funds will also be used to continue building out new 9-1-1 telephony and radio voice recording systems at CTECC and the CTECC

Backup Center, to further enhance capacity and resiliency of these systems. City of Austin will receive payment of funds within 30 days of final execution of this interlocal agreement.

The County desires to transfer, at its discretion, any funding it may receive from CAPCOG under Rule 251.3 to the City for the purpose of supporting 9-1-1-related services, equipment, and facilities at CTECC and the CTECC 9-1-1 Backup Center. The funds will be transferred to an existing Wireless Capital Improvement Project (CIP) budget under CTM. Recommendations for spending available CIP funds will be made by a panel drawn from City and County CTECC public safety supervisory and management staff, with all expenditures approved by an executive team drawn from City and County management and executive staff.