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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	20582	Agenda Number	23.
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Meeting Date:	12/13/2012	Department:	Austin Police Department
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement between the City of Austin and the Center for Child Protection to fund reimbursement for program expenses related to the protection of abused children, in an amount not to exceed \$369,396.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$234,396 is available in the FY2012-2013 operating budget of Austin Police Department and \$135,000 is available in the FY2012-2013 operating budget of Health and Human Services.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Center for Child Protection was incorporated in 1989 as a children's advocacy center that would help streamline the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases in Austin/Travis County. The core service provided at the Center is the forensic interview, in which specially trained staff interview alleged child victims to determine the facts surrounding a case of abuse. In 1999, Travis County and the City of Austin declared the Center as the "sole provider" of forensic interviews with alleged child victims. Family advocates are assigned to a case at the point of forensic interview and stay with the family for months and sometimes years as the case travels through the justice system.

Funding was added to the Austin Police Department operating budget in FY2011 to expand the services that were provided at that time. This fiscal year the Health and Human Service contract administration is being transferred to APD so that future funding and management will reside in a single department. It was determined that this was a service to law enforcement rather than a social service contract. This agreement shall cover the period which began October 1, 2012 though the period ending September 30, 2013.

