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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	22448	Agenda Number	16.
Meeting Date:	3/21/2013			Department:	Health and Human Services
Subject					
Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement for early childhood services with TRAVIS COUNTY for a 12-month term in an amount of \$250,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$250,000.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding in the amount of \$250,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of Health and Human Services Department. The term of the contract is for the period May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014.					
Fiscal Note					
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:	On September 11, 2012, Council approved adding one-time and ongoing Early Childhood funding to the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of Health and Human Services Department.				
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Boards and Commission Action:	Early Childhood Council reviewed October 10, 2012.				
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					
Additional Backup Information					

Background:

Approval of this action will provide home visiting and family support services based on the evidence-based Healthy Families America model by establishing an additional service unit in the Travis County Healthy Families program. The Project will improve families' access to preventive services including establishing a medical home, immunizations, well-child checks, developmental assessments, parenting education, and home and personal safety practices such as car seats. Services are family oriented and strength based, provided in the family's home in order to build on their strengths and resources. Services begin during the mother's pregnancy and may continue until the family's first child reaches three years of age. The service population is families that are expectant or new parents, especially first-time parents with outreach targeted to African-American families. The families who are deemed eligible for home visiting services have multiple stressors/risk factors. Poverty is one of the most common stressors. It is anticipated that the program will continue if approved as an 1115 Medicaid Waiver project. Approval of the Waiver project is pending. The existing Healthy Family units are funded by Travis County.

Related Business Plan Goals:

- Improve maternal, child and adolescent health outcomes from preconception through adulthood.
- Promote a healthy community by addressing the needs of vulnerable households.

Performance Measures (estimated):

Output Measure	Goal
Number of Unduplicated Clients Served	100%
Outcome Measures	Goal
Improve utilization rates of clinical preventive services	
Children and parents will have established health care providers	100%
Children will have age-appropriate immunizations	97%
Children will have age-appropriate well-child checks	97%