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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council

Item ID

22960

Agenda Number

8.

Meeting Date:

4/11/2013

Department:

Health and Human Services

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 5-month Contract for early childhood services with CHILD, INC. in an amount not to exceed \$557,280.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$557,280 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 of May 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**Purchasing
Language:**

**Prior Council
Action:**

On February 12, 2013 Council included \$557,280 for a Head Start summer program to a Budget Amendment to the Health and Human Services Department Budget.

**For More
Information:**

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**Boards and
Commission
Action:**

March 20, 2013, Reviewed by Early Childhood Council

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

Council approval of this recommendation will prevent the loss of the 2013 Head Start summer program for at least 500 children ages 3 – 5 years. The full-day Program will last at least 8 weeks primarily in the months of June, July and August 2013. Additional benefits are the prevention of summer learning loss and preventing working parents from having to find alternate summer care.

Child, Inc. is the only Head Start grantee for Austin. Head Start is a federal program that promotes the school readiness of children ages birth to 5 from very low-income (under federal poverty level) families by enhancing their cognitive, social and emotional development. Head Start programs provide a learning environment that supports children's growth in: language and literacy, cognition and general knowledge, physical development and health, social and emotional development, and approaches to learning. Head Start programs provide comprehensive services to enrolled children and their families, which include health, nutrition, social services and other services determined to be

necessary by family needs assessments, in addition to education and cognitive development services. Head Start services are designed to be responsive to each child and family's ethnic, cultural and linguistic heritage. Head Start emphasizes the role of parents as their child's first and most important teacher, and builds supportive relationships with families.

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

Output Measure

Number of Unduplicated Clients Served

Goal

500 children

Outcome Measures

Percent of parents reporting satisfaction with Head Start services

Goal

95%