

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 24141 Agenda Number 24.

Meeting Date: 5/23/2013 Department: Austin Fire Department

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month interlocal agreement with UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN through its GRADUATE SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND KINESIOLOGY, to provide firefighter applicants with a 14-week remedial strength training program and peer fitness training program for the Austin Fire Department with no renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$39,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

\$111,139, Assistance to Firefighters Grant from FEMA

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Division Chief Tom Dodds, 974-0147 and Assistant Director Ronnelle Paulsen, 974-5315
Boards and Commission Action:	
Related Items:	
MBE / WBE:	This Cooperative Purchase is exempt from the MBE / WBE Ordinance. This exemption is in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.
Additional Backup Information	

This interlocal agreement with the University of Texas Graduate School of Kinesiology and Health will provide remedial strength training for the Austin Fire Department (AFD) cadet applicants. Fire Cadet applicants may elect to participate in a 14-week training program designed to increase the likelihood of passing the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT), the physical portion of the AFD hiring process.

This program will also provide an opportunity to train AFD Peer Fitness Trainers in the fundamentals of strength training and in the coaching of these skills. This will enable AFD to adopt the recruit training program, administering it internally in future years.

The training programs will be scheduled to coincide with the AFD hiring process, and with a grant-funded Peer Fitness Trainer certification program. The Graduate School of Health and Kinesiology will continue to collect

statistics from this program for analysis; and will provide to AFD Fitness section a description and summary of the 14-week candidate training program.

This agreement is entered into pursuant to the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code.