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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	24933	Agenda Number	43.
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Meeting Date:	6/27/2013	Department:	Planning and Development Review
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a two-year interlocal agreement between the City and Austin Independent School District (AISD) for arborist services on AISD campuses in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 per year for a total contract amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$50,000 per year for two years is available in the Planning and Development Review Department's Special Revenue Fund Urban Forest Tree Replenishment Fund.

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Jason Traweck, City Arborist, 974-2332.
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

AISD has approximately 115 campuses and many of those campuses are accessible to the public. AISD does not currently have an arborist position or the in-house expertise of an arborist. The City of Austin's Planning & Development Review Department (PDRD) is partnering efforts with AISD to address the needs of the district to maintain the investment and safety of trees at each campus by providing grant funding to hire a full-time certified arborist. The arborist will visit each campus to assess each tree and develop a tree care and planting plan consistent with the growth and land use of each campus. In addition, this individual will develop training for central and campus maintenance staff, which will include current best practices in proper tree care and worker safety, as well as establish protocols for tree permitting (e.g. removals, proposed work).

The position will be funded for a two-year period for a total of \$100,000 (\$50,000 for each year) with funding from the City of Austin's PDRD's Urban Forest Replenishment Fund. The end result of the ILA will be for AISD to have a comprehensive tree management and planting plan in place that all the campuses will benefit from for years to come.