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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	27232	Agenda Number	2.
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Meeting Date:	9/26/2013	Department:	Animal Services Office
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County under which City will provide certain animal services to Travis County, in exchange for payment of \$1,115,472, for a 12-month period beginning October 1, 2013.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding from Travis County in the amount of \$1,175,107 was included in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget of the Animal Services Office General Fund. The Term of the agreement is for the period October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014.

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Approval of Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget, September 9-11, 2013.
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Boards and Commission Action:	To be reviewed by the Public Health and Human Services Subcommittee, September 17, 2013.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The City Health and Human Services Department has provided public health services to Travis County through various agreements since 1985. After several years of work by City and County staff to consolidate the patchwork of agreements and amendments, the Travis County Commissioners Court and Austin City Council approved the current interlocal agreement on September 27, 2007 and October 18, 2007, respectively. The original term was for the period October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008, and provided for up to four 12-month renewal terms. On October 2, 2008, the City Council approved a three-month extension of the interlocal agreement, terminating on December 31, 2008, and approved a nine-month renewal and extension on December 18, 2009 for the period of January 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009. On September 24, 2009, the City Council approved a 12-month renewal for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010. On September 23, 2010, the City Council approved a 12-month renewal for the period of October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011. On September 22, 2011, the City Council approved a 12-month renewal for the period of October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.

In the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Animal Services separated from the Health & Human Services Department. This separation resulted in a need to separate the interlocal agreement with Travis County. Through this agreement Animal Services will continue to provide animal control, shelter services and public education to Travis County residents. This agreement is for the 2014 Term of October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014.

Based upon the cost model approved for the Fiscal Year 2013 term, Travis County will pay \$148,197 more in Fiscal Year 2014 than the Fiscal Year 2013 amount. This increase includes the increased costs for health insurance, and wage adjustments. In addition, the cost methodology for calculating the County's portion of activities has changed from a five-year average to a three-year average increasing the percentage of County animal control field activities and percentage of sheltered animals. Approval of this agreement will allow the City to continue to provide animal services to Travis County through September 31, 2014, in exchange for total payment by the County of \$1,115,472.