

#### Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 27855 Agenda Number 15.

Meeting Date: 10/24/2013 Department: Health and Human Services

## Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES to provide an oversampling in Travis County for the Texas Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System to increase the phone survey from 320 to 1,300 Travis County residents for the 2014 survey initiative in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the term of October 1, 2013 through September 1, 2015.

# Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 – 1115 Medicaid Waiver Budget.

### Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing	
Language:	
Prior Council	On August 2, 2012, Council approved a Resolution (Resolution No. 20120802-029) supporting
Action:	participation in the federal 1115 Medicaid Waiver Program.
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Boards and	
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Related Items:	

## Additional Backup Information

The Texas Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) is an annual random-digit-dial telephone survey of adults residing in Texas conducted by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). The survey provides statewide estimates on a variety of behavioral risk factors, including smoking prevalence and other indicators of tobacco use. The statewide survey will include about 10,000 respondents in 2014, 320 of which are in Travis County (the proportion of sampled Texas residents who live in Travis County). With a geographic oversample of Travis County, the number of county residents who are surveyed increases from 320 to about 1300. The substantially larger sample size will provide more stable local estimates of prevalence of these risky behaviors, particularly by demographic characteristics, such as gender, age, race/ethnicity, and socioeconomic status. These estimates will be used to track local trends over time (from previous BRFSS Travis County oversamples) as well as to compare with state and national estimates. DSHS is not currently planning to oversample in Travis County. Funds are available in the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) 1115 Waiver Budget. The BRFSS results

are also needed to fulfill a deliverable for an existing Delivery System Reform Incentive Payments project authorized by Medicaid 1115 Waiver for decreasing tobacco use among the 18-24 year old population.

## **PERFORMANCE**

Related Department Goal: Promote a healthy community by preventing chronic and communicable diseases and promoting improvements in social/economic/environmental factors that will result in an improved overall health status and a reduction of health disparities.

Because agreement negotiations are not complete, the performance goals described are estimates and may be adjusted in scope and deadline as appropriate.

#### Deliverables:

- 1. Submit invoices on a quarterly basis for completed work, submitting all required forms with documentation of work completed.
- 2. Finalize sampling design plan which includes Travis County Oversample by 10/31/2013.
- 3. Administer BRFSS in Travis County from January 1, 2014 December 31, 2014.
- 4. Submit completed 2014 BRFSS survey results data file to HHSD by July 2015.