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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	28546	Agenda Number	7.
Meeting Date:	11/21/2013	Department:	Community Court	
Subject				
<p>Authorize negotiation and execution of new co-sponsorship agreement with Austin/Travis County Reentry Roundtable to increase the City of Austin's sponsorship in the amount of \$5,000, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$40,000 annually.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>Funding in the amount of \$40,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of the Community Court.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
<p>A fiscal note is not required.</p>				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:	<p>December 10, 2009 – the City Council authorized the Austin Police Department to negotiate and execute a co-sponsorship agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin/Travis County Reentry Roundtable, in the amount of \$35,000 annually.</p>			
For More Information:	<p>Pete Valdez, Court Administrator, Community Court, 512-974-4873</p>			
Boards and Commission Action:				
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:				
Additional Backup Information				
<p>The Austin/Travis County Reentry Roundtable was created to develop effective strategies for convicted criminal offenders to successfully reenter into the fabric of society.</p> <p>In FY10, the Austin Police Department was authorized to negotiate and execute a co-sponsorship agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin/Travis County Reentry Roundtable, in the amount of \$35,000 annually, to enhance public safety by developing effective strategies for convicted criminal offenders to successfully reenter into society.</p> <p>In FY14, the contract funding amount will increase by \$5,000, bringing the total contract amount to \$40,000 annually. In exchange for the City of Austin's additional sponsorship, the Roundtable agrees to the following: engage employers to employ more persons with criminal backgrounds; advocate for effective employment readiness training programs during incarceration; assist with transitional housing after release; and encourage community services that support families and children of incarcerated persons. The Community Court will handle the administration of this new agreement.</p>				

The new agreement is effective when signed by both parties and will expire on September 30, 2014. However, it will automatically renew annually on October 1 of each successive year for up to five years, unless terminated by either party by written notice.