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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	29771	Agenda Number	27.
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Meeting Date:	1/23/2014	Department:	Municipal Court
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County, through Travis County Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, for sign language interpretation services for the Health and Human Services Department and Municipal Court in an amount not to exceed \$43,500 annually.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$41,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of the Municipal Court. Funding in the amount of \$2,500 is included in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

In 2004 the city entered into an interlocal agreement with Travis County to provide sign language interpreters for Municipal Court and Health and Human Services. The original agreement was for 12 months with eight 12-month extension options. This agreement will provide the same sign language interpreter services for the one year period of October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014 and will automatically renew annually on the 1st of October unless the agreement is terminated by either party in whole or in part for specified reasons with 30 day notice or without cause with 60 day notice.

The Municipal Court utilizes interpreter services at the Municipal Courthouse, the Downtown Austin Community Court and Central Booking. The Court is statutorily required to provide verbatim translation for defendants by persons certified by the State of Texas to translate court proceedings in the State of Texas.

The Health and Human Services Department utilizes interpreters for patients of the Sexually Transmitted Disease, Tuberculosis and Refugee clinics. Interpreter services are also used for hearing impaired clients attending Food Manager classes provided by the Environmental and Consumer Health unit.

This agreement is entered into under the provisions of the Inter/local Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code.