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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	31634	Agenda Number	21.
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Meeting Date:	4/10/2014	Department:	Transportation
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month interlocal agreement between the City and the Capital Area Council of Governments to provide funding and extend the City's involvement in clean air programs and technical projects, in a total amount not to exceed \$15,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$15,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Resolution No.20120524-077, Council Briefing 03/21/2013.
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Boards and Commission Action:	Approved by the Environmental Board on February 20, 2013, on a 6/0/0/1 vote with Board member Jennifer Walker absent.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

On March 21, 2013, Council received a briefing from the Transportation Department Air Quality Program in response to Resolution No. 20120524-077. The briefing contained nine recommended improvements to the Air Quality Program. One of the nine recommendations was to support regional efforts to improve air quality data sources and ensure access to reliable emission data that serve as a foundation for efficient ozone reduction initiatives in our region.

Capital Area Council of Government's Air Quality Program provides technical assistance and information to area businesses, government entities and community groups on regional air quality issues, with particular emphasis on pollution related to ground-level ozone. Program efforts are directed at gaining a better understanding of the sources and extent of regional air quality problems by operating air monitoring stations, estimating and modeling emissions and evaluating emission reduction measures to develop effective strategies for the area. The CAPCOG Air Quality Program also provides support for the Central Texas Clean Air coalition (CAC) and the CAC Advisory Committee which is comprised of 14 elected officials from the five-county Austin-Round Rock metropolitan statistical

area who facilitate the ongoing regional initiative to reduce ozone pollution.

If approved, CAPCOG shall use funds provided by the City of Austin to support one or more of the following specific emissions inventory and modeling research projects recommended by the CAC, as funding allows, and in priority order, are:

1. Assessment of Construction Equipment Emissions on Central Texas Air quality
2. Quantification of Emission Reduction Impact of Ozone Advance Measures
3. Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Compliance and Program Evaluation
4. Sensitivity Modeling for local Point Sources;

This agreement is to secure funding for Capital Area Council of Governments programs in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for a 12 month period. Approval of this agreement does not obligate or prohibit the City from funding the program beyond the one year term.