

# AGENDA



## Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	33883	Agenda Number	23.
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Meeting Date:	6/26/2014	Department:	Health and Human Services
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### Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month agreement with Huston-Tillotson University beginning on August 1, 2014 and ending on July 31, 2015, to fund an East Austin Community Health and Wellness Center, to be located on the University's campus, and to fund staff to oversee the start-up and expansion efforts of the Center, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

### Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$250,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department.

### Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On August 22, 2013, Council approved Resolution No. 20130822-086 supporting Huston-Tillotson University's effort to create a wellness center for East Austin. In addition, on September 9, 2013, Council approved Ordinance No. 20130909-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget.
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

### Additional Backup Information

During the Council Budget Adoption Reading on September 9, 2013, Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget that included \$250,000 for Huston-Tillotson University (HT) to support HT's Community Health and Wellness Center Initiative.

HT is a coeducational four-year degree granting university of liberal arts and sciences, operating jointly under the auspices of the American Missionary Association of the United Church of Christ, and the Board of Education of The United Methodist Church. A historically black college, the mission of the University is to provide opportunities to a diverse population for academic achievement with an emphasis on academic excellence, spiritual and ethical

development, civic engagement, and leadership in a nurturing environment. HT is located in East Austin, right in the heart of an economically disadvantaged, majority minority area of the city.

The Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) 2012 Critical Health Indicators Report identified significant health disparities in Travis County for African American residents including disproportionate rates of mortality from diabetes, incidences of HIV and AIDS, and lack of access to prenatal care. Additionally, the 2012 Community Health Assessment for Austin/Travis County revealed, “while chronic diseases emerged as a key concern...and represents the leading causes of death in the region, the need for mental health services was the foremost community health concern. Additionally, it is evident that Blacks/African Americans and Latinos/Hispanics experience disproportionately higher rates of several health outcomes.”

HHSD will contract with HT to create a Community Health and Wellness Center, a campus/community based health center that will provide holistic physical health care services to the East Austin community. The Center will enhance and expand the provision of services in East Austin by accommodating culturally-sensitive minority practitioners to implement a three pronged approach of patient care, research, and community interventions. This approach will significantly improve the environment of care for the minority residents of the community, improve the overall mental health of patients in the community, and enhance the quality of life for indigent populations.

Performance Measures, as well as contract exhibits, will be negotiated with the HUSTON-TILLOTSON UNIVERSITY staff.

Related Departmental Goal: Provision: Social Services – Promote a healthy community by addressing the needs of vulnerable households.