Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council  
Item ID  
39790  
Agenda Number  
5.

Meeting Date:  
2/26/2015  
Department:  
Emergency Medical Services

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Austin Independent School District for the provision of emergency medical technician-basic training at an Austin High School for an initial term of one year, with two 12-month renewal options.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of $2,000 was included in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budget of the EMS Department. Funding for the renewal options is contingent upon the available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action: The initial interlocal between EMS and AISD was approved by Council on February 1, 2007. A renewal was approved by Council on October 6, 2011.

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Boards and Commission Action:

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

The EMS Department (EMS) and the Austin Independent School District (AISD) wish to continue to provide Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B) training at Akins High School, as part of AISD’s Health Sciences educational program. The EMT-B program began in January 2007 and has successfully educated, prepared, and developed students for a future career in EMS. Successful students will have the opportunity to take the EMT-B certification exam required by the Texas Department of State Health Services. This program serves as a key component of the EMS Department’s strategy to expand its recruiting efforts to new segments of the Austin community. Classroom instruction includes content such as patient assessment, CPR, bandaging/splinting, emergency childbirth, and trauma care.

In accordance with the terms of this Agreement, the City of Austin EMS Department will provide the following:

- An appropriately qualified secondary instructor, guest and skill instructors and a program coordinator for the delivery of the Emergency Medical Technician Program;
- All medical training equipment, including personal protective equipment, simulators, medical aids,
and any additional props required to support the specific curriculum;

In accordance with the terms of this Agreement, AISD will provide the following:

- Classroom facilities for a minimum of 25 students and 2 instructors, instructional equipment, such as computers, projectors, television, DVD/VCR equipment, access to a copy machine and supplies;
- Provide an appropriately qualified primary instructor for Akins HS for delivery of the EMT program;
- Provide funding to pay for the National Registry EMT Basic exam for Akins HS;
- Appropriate curriculum materials for the program to meet state standards;
- Secure storage space at each school for City training equipment and supplies;
- Space for the City instructor to prepare material for class, review homework and exams after class and meet with students individually to review performance as needed;
- An AISD teacher who will be present in each class and who will be responsible for grading the students for AISD purposes;
- Training sessions to the City instructor(s) regarding AISD policies and applicable laws that the instructors must follow.

The funding included in the EMS Department budget will be used to purchase supplies and equipment as needed for the program. This agreement does not require payment to AISD, nor will the Department receive payment from AISD.

This initial term is for one year and the parties may agree to renew the Agreement for up to two additional one-year terms.