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Recommendation for Council Action

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| Austin City Council | Item ID | 65678 | Agenda Number | 22. |
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| Meeting Date: | 12/15/2016 | Department: | Health and Human Services |
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 1 to an interlocal agreement with Worksource Greater Austin Area Workforce Board to increase funding for early childhood services in an amount not to exceed \$183,415 for the period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017, and to increase funding for the four remaining 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$8,415 per renewal option, for a total increase to the agreement not to exceed \$217,075.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$183,415 is included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. Funding for renewal options is contingent upon Council approval of funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

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| Purchasing Language: | |
| Prior Council Action: | On April 14, 2016, Council passed Resolution 20160414-004 related to Child Care Continuity Services. On August 18, 2016, Council approved item 20160818-041, a 12-month interlocal agreement with Workforce Solutions with four 12-month extension options for an amount not to exceed \$1,829,340. On September 14, 2016 Council approved Ordinance No. 20160914-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget. |
| For More Information: | Shannon Jones, Director, 512-972-5010; Stephanie Hayden, Deputy Director, 972-5017; Robert Kingham, Social Services Policy Manager, 512-972-5026, Elena Lloyd, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5033. |
| Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action: | On June 10, 2016, the Early Childhood Council passed Recommendation 20160608-5Biii that the Austin City Council allocate funding for the Child Care Continuity Services program in the Fiscal Year 2016-17 process. |
| MBE / WBE: | |
| Related Items: | |

Additional Backup Information

Worksource Greater Austin Area Workforce Board d/b/a Workforce Solutions (WFS) is the largest provider of child care services in Travis County, for both direct child care and child care quality improvement initiatives. Approval of this action will provide continuation of funding for the Quality Child Care Collaborative (QC3). QC3 is managed by WFS in coordination with the City of Austin, Travis County, United Way Success by 6, Austin Independent School District, Austin Community College Child Development Department, and Head Start.

High quality child care has been shown to support cognitive, social, and emotional development in young children. The Child and Youth Development Fiscal Year 2015 Community Impact Report published by the Travis County Health and Human Services & Veterans Service Research & Planning Division found that in 2015, there were 104 providers that met the accreditation standards required to be considered a high-quality child care facility. This is a decrease from 124 available high-quality child care providers in 2008 and 131 high-quality child care providers in

2014.

The purpose of the QC3 is to increase the quality of child care in the community by assisting child care facilities in achieving Texas Rising Star Certification and/or attaining national accreditation. QC3 also includes multiple programs aimed to serve low income children and families that include the following:

- An evidence-based Community Café model;
- Fellowships that increase the number of teachers with degrees in centers serving low-income families;
- Training for child care providers serving a high number of low income families who currently receive child care subsidies.

One of the Health and Human Services policies outlined in the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan is to “Improve access to quality child care services near homes and workplaces.” This continued investment in the QC3 from the City would be consistent with the goals of Imagine Austin and would help meet a critical need for the community.

On August 18, 2016, Council authorized a 12-month interlocal agreement with WFS for early childhood services in an amount not to exceed \$365,868, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$365,868 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,829,340. Amendment No. 1 will allocate additional funding approved by Council during the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget adoption process to this interlocal agreement, including \$175,000 of funding listed as item HS1.05 in the Council Concept Menu and an annual increase in the amount of \$8,415 resulting from the \$600,000 approved for current social service providers that equated to a 2.3% cost-of-living increase for current social service providers.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Performance Measures (estimated):

Output Measure:

Number of Unduplicated Clients Served: 372 children.

Related Business Plan Goals:

Improve maternal, child and adolescent health outcomes from preconception through adulthood.

Promote a healthy community by addressing the needs of vulnerable households.

RELATED DEPARTMENTAL GOAL:

Provision: Social Services – Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors, and lifestyle among targeted populations.