

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	69121	Agenda Number	15.
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Meeting Date:	4/13/2017	Department:	Public Health
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 1 to the 12-month interlocal agreement with AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE to increase funding for childcare quality improvement services in an amount not to exceed \$1,121 for the current 12-month agreement period ending September 30, 2017, and the remaining four 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$1,121 per renewal option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$249,405.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$1,121 is included in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget of Austin Public Health. Funding for the renewal options is contingent upon Council approval of funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On August 18, 2016, Council approved agenda item 20160818-039 approving award, negotiation and execution of this agreement. On September 14, 2016, Council approved Ordinance No. 20160914-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget.
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	August 10, 2016 – The Early Childhood Council recommended Negotiation and execution of initial agreement on a 7-0-0 vote with Commissioners Brown, Huston, and Son absent.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Austin Community College Child Development Department (ACCCDD) aims to develop highly qualified childcare staff to improve the quality of childcare in the community. The ACCCDD was involved in the development of the School Readiness Action Plan for Austin/Travis County (SRAP) led by United Way, and the ACCCDD's mission, goals, and course content closely align with the overall purpose and goals of the SRAP. The SRAP includes the goal of having affordable, accessible early-education services available for all families that are culturally relevant, healthful, engaging, rigorous, and of sufficient quality to measurably impact school readiness outcomes. The strategy of increasing the "availability of very high quality early-care and education centers for low-income families in underserved neighborhoods" is included in the SRAP as an approach to help reach that goal.

The Training, Retention and Compensation (TRAC) program furthers the goals of SRAP by aiming to increase the number of knowledgeable and skilled early-care and education teachers and directors in an effort to help prevent the problems associated with poor quality childcare. The program provides scholarships for courses, textbooks, and

financial incentives for successfully completing child development courses. Participants in the program are teachers and directors in early-care and education settings who work in centers serving a minimum of 20% families with low income or a minimum of 10 children from low-income families. The TRAC program is funded collaboratively with the City of Austin, Travis County, and Workforce Solutions.

During the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget adoption process, Council approved \$600,000 in funding for current social service providers for a cost of living increase, which resulted in a 2.3% increase for most social service contracts. This resulted in an increase to the TRAC program of \$1,121, for a total amount of \$49,881 for the period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017, and a total amount of \$49,881 for the four remaining 12-month renewal options. This request for action will allow staff to complete Amendment No. 1 to add this additional funding to the ACC TRAC Interlocal Agreement.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES (ESTIMATED):

Output Measure

Number of Unduplicated Clients Served: 25

Outcome Measure

Percent of individuals who complete an educational program and demonstrate improved knowledge: 83%

Related Departmental Goal:

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