

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: August 23, 2018

Item Number: **014**

Fire

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County to integrate management of hazardous material containment, especially responding to Hazardous Materials incidents, by sharing personnel, equipment, technology and data, for an initial term of one year with up to five additional one-year terms.

Lead Department	Austin Fire Department
Fiscal Note	<p>A fiscal note is not required.</p> <p>\$120,000 in funding is available from Travis County to be paid to the City of Austin as an annual reimbursement for service in FY2018-2019; \$140,000 to be paid as the annual reimbursement for service and base amount in FY2019-2020; and a 2% increase in the base amount of \$140,000 for each subsequent year of the Agreement.</p>
Prior Council Action	October 24, 2013 - council approved the interlocal agreement with Travis County on consent.
For More Information	Chief of Staff Tom Dodds - 974-0132; Asst. Chief Larry Jantzen - 974-0136

Additional Backup Information:

The purpose of this interlocal agreement between the City of Austin and Travis County is to maintain

an established co-operative working relationship between the two entities whereby the Austin Fire Department (AFD) has primary responsibility for providing resources and assigning an appropriate response to incidents involving the mitigation and containment of chemical, biological, nuclear or radiological events. City and County integrate their efforts to manage hazardous material (HazMat) containment and responding to HazMat incidents by sharing personnel, equipment, technology and data.

Travis County will pay the City of Austin an annual reimbursement for following 1) dispatching and assigning resources to HazMat incidents; 2) training and certification of HazMat Responders; 3) documentation, reporting and follow-up on HazMat incidents; and 4) equipment maintenance/sustainment/fuel.

<u>Period</u>	<u>Base</u>	<u>Annual Inflation Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
Term 1 (FY19)	\$120,000	Not Applicable	\$120,000
Term 2 (FY20)	\$140,000	Not Applicable	\$140,000
Term 3 (FY21)	\$140,000	Plus 2% of Term 2	\$142,800
Term 4 (FY22)	\$140,000	Plus 2% of Term 2	\$145,600
Term 5 (FY23)	\$140,000	Plus 2% of Term 2	\$148,400

AFD will dispatch hazmat services including the notification of Travis County; monitor the readiness and training of 19 hazmat technicians on duty and/or on call 24-7; use the National Incident Management System (NIMS) to establish on-scene incident command; report hazmat incidents to designated County personnel; provide hazmat equipment and vehicle replacement as scheduled; bill for cost recovery and provide collection reports on qualifying incidents occurring in the County; and be the custodian of hazmat-related records.

County will coordinate planning for Homeland Security initiatives; provide a single point of contact for City and other organizations developing hazmat strategies and protocols; and will make available an existing inventory of hazmat vehicles, equipment and supplies including communications equipment.

Various goals, performance measures, and reporting requirements have been established. For example, the expected average response time to County incidents is (1) hour or less.