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CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Approve execution of a 12-month Interlocal Agreement with the Austin Independent School District, Austin, TX, for the English as a Second Language program in an amount not to exceed \$97,419, with two 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$97,419 per renewal option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$292,257.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$50,000 is available in the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) Department Special Revenue Fund, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG - 30th Year), and funding in the amount of \$47,419 is available from the 2004-2005 Approved Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. The initial contract period for the Interlocal Agreement will be October 1, 2004 – September 30, 2005. Funding for renewal options is contingent on performance and available funding in future budgets.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Health and Human
DEPARTMENT: Services

**DIRECTOR'S
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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: Approval of the 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan, June 24, 2004, .

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: Community Development Commission approved 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan.

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

Background:

The City's 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan identified access to adult basic education, including the provision of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, as a high priority public service need. The City's Health and Human Services Department has developed an on-going relationship with AISD in the provision of ESL Services.

The ESL Program is designed to create a working partnership between the City and AISD to benefit non-English speaking residents of Austin. ESL funds are used to help improve literacy skills and English proficiency, thereby enabling students to further their educational and career goals. Guidelines mandate that at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the participating households must be CDBG-eligible (income cannot exceed 80% median income- \$56,900 for a family of four).

Performance Measures:



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Related Departmental Goal

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

Outcomes

- Percentage of students enrolled in ESL classes that demonstrate a gain in scores on required TEA test 65%

Outputs

- Number of students enrolled 1,169*
- Number of months per year that the student to teacher ratio is 25:1 or better 12

*600 CDBG-Eligible; 569 NHCD General Fund

Requested Council Action

City Council is requested to approve execution of a 12-month Interlocal Agreement with the AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Austin, TX, for the English as a Second Language program in an amount not to exceed \$97,419, with two 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$97,419 per renewal option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$292,257.