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CITY OF AUSTIN  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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**SUBJECT:** Approve execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Austin, Travis County and the Austin Travis County Mental Health Retardation Center in an amount not to exceed \$270,000 (City of Austin \$225,000; Travis County \$45,000) for youth assessment services including education/training, assessment/evaluation, counseling/therapy, community support and enrichment services with one 12-month renewal option in an amount not to exceed \$270,000 (City of Austin \$225,000; Travis County \$45,000) for a total City amount not to exceed \$450,000.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding in the amount of \$225,000 is available in the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) Department Special Revenue Fund, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG 30th Year). The agreement period is October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005. Funding for the renewal option 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  
AUTHORIZATION:** David Lurie

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vince Cobalis, Asst. Director for Human Services, 972-5011; Donna Jackson, HHSD Manager, 972-5017; Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** Approval 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan, June 24, 2004.

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

**PURCHASING:** N/A

**MBE / WBE:** N/a

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**Background:**

The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Austin, Travis County, and the Austin Travis County Mental Health Retardation (ATCMHMR) Center, first entered into as a pilot project beginning June 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001, for youth assessment services, established a network providing services for eligible clients and their families through the Youth and Family Assessment Center (YFAC), and has been annually extended or renewed by the participating parties. The services are managed by an administrative entity or Managed Services Organization (MSO) for the new contract period of October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005.

Under this Interlocal, ATCMHMR provides the specified MSO functions for the service network. These MSO functions include: credentialing; "gate" functions (single point of entry); utilization management (UM); quality management (QM); management information systems (MIS); financial management; administration/contract management; and network development and management. Travis County will pay the MSO fees associated with the YFAC.



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This Interlocal agreement also provides funding for purchasing services provided through the MSO network. The city provides \$225,000, which is designated to pay for CDBG-eligible services for youth and their families. These services include education/training, assessment/evaluation, counseling/therapy, community supports (i.e. respite care, childcare, employment services, etc.) and enrichment services (after school programs, educational camps, etc.)

Travis County also provides funding in the amount of \$25,500 to pay for network provider services that are not CDBG-eligible to include: basic needs, emergency food, housing modifications and assistance, utilities and medical purchases, etc. Many of the wraparound services are provided by various agencies and individuals, but coordinated by the two brokers. The Austin Project and Communities In Schools Inc., under contract with Travis County.

**Funding Summary**

Source	Purpose	Amount	Services
CDBG	CDBG Eligible Services	\$225,000	Education and training, assessment and evaluation, counseling and therapy, community supports, etc.
Travis County	Non- CDBG Eligible Services (Basic Needs)	\$ 25,500	Basic needs, utilities, housing assistance and modifications, medical purchases, etc.
Travis County	MSO Fees (Network Development and Administration)	\$ 19,500	Credentialing, utilization management, quality management information systems, financial management, administration and contract management, etc).

The Interlocal Agreement totals \$270,000 with \$225,000 from the Community Development Block Grant and \$45,000 (\$19,500 for MSO fees, \$25,500 for non-CDBG reimbursable services) from the County. The CDBG funds are administered by the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (HHSD). The MSO will provide fiscal oversight and quality assurance for the youth and family services network established under this agreement. Services to the youth and their families will be coordinated by two brokers.

**Performance Measures**

(Related to City – CDBG funding)

**Related Goals:** Provision: Social Service - Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors and lifestyles among targeted populations



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**Output Measures:**

- Total number of unduplicated youth served that met CDBG eligibility requirements 170
- Total number of unduplicated families served that met CDBG eligibility requirements 90-100
- Total number of youth enrolled that will receive an initial assessment 170

**Outcome Measures:**

- Percent of clients that meet the goals of their Plan of Care 85%
- Percent of parents surveyed that indicate an improvement in parent/child relationship 70%
- Percent of parents surveyed indicating a high level of satisfaction with the program 85%
- Percent of youth with no prior history of delinquency deterred from engaging in delinquent behavior 80%
- Decrease in school absenteeism (for those youth with an absenteeism rate of 10% or above) 50%

**Requested Council Action:**

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