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AGENDA

Monday, September 11, 2006

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RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**ITEM No. 12**

Subject: Approve the negotiation and execution of a three year Interlocal Agreement with Travis County related to employment of one Forensic Chemist to work in the Austin Police Department's Forensic Science Division on County cases on a priority basis.

Amount and Source of Funding: Beginning in Fiscal Year 2006-2007, the County will pay the City \$88,700 for year-one costs; \$80,050 for year-two costs; and \$80,050 for year-three costs.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

Additional Backup Material

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No Attachments Available

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This interlocal agreement provides that Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) annually fund one City of Austin, Austin Police Department Forensic Chemist position; whereupon the agreement shall be in effect when it has been executed by all parties and shall continue in full force and effect with an initial expiration date of September 30, 2007. The agreement shall automatically renew on October 1 of each successive year, for up to two (2) renewal periods, as described in Section 4 of the interlocal agreement.

Under this interlocal agreement, TCSO will pay the City of Austin \$88,700 for year-one costs associated with the hiring and employment of the Forensic Chemist. TCSO will pay \$80,050 for year-two costs and \$80,050 for year-three costs under the same agreement.

This interlocal agreement is entered into in response to a request from Travis County for forensic casework support. The City of Austin will interview and hire a qualified Forensic Chemist and will provide him/her with a workspace and access to any necessary equipment and materials. The City of Austin, Austin Police Department will also provide supervision and direction. On a priority basis, the Forensic Chemist will handle all TCSO cases within his/her work specialty area(s).