

# A U S T I N C I T Y C O U N C I L

## A G E N D A



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### Health and Human Services RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

**ITEM No 7**

**Subject** Approve ratification and execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the City, Travis County and the Travis County Juvenile Board in an amount not to exceed \$36,246, with three 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$36,246 per renewal option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$144,984 for the Truancy Court Program to provide chronic truancy intervention

**Amount and Source of Funding** Funding in the amount of \$36,246 is available from the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget for the Health and Human Services Department. The contract period is October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007. Funding for renewal options is contingent on available funding in future budgets.

**Fiscal Note** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

#### Additional Backup Material

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No Attachments Available

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**Prior Council Action** Approved Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget, September 11, 2006

Background Truancy Court is a partnership between the Austin Independent School District, the Travis County Juvenile Board, Travis County, and the City of Austin. The program is designed to intervene with chronic truants at the students' home school. It provides supervision, referrals to community services, and regular review of a student's progress towards reduced truancy. For the 2006-07 school year Truancy Court will provide services to Fulmore and Mendez Middle School and Travis High School by utilizing an on site court process.

Students are given an option of participating in this deferred prosecution program or having their case heard through a formal adjudication process. Upon successful completion of the program, the court dismisses all charges against the juvenile. For the 2005-06 program year 246 students were referred, Travis High School (140) Fulmore Middle School (67) and Mendez Middle School (39).

The ratification is being requested due to some staff confusion regarding whether Council approval was needed because the dollar amount is below \$49,000, it was subsequently determined that Council approval is required for all Interlocal Agreements.

**Related Goals** Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors and lifestyle among targeted populations.

**Performance Measures** Outputs Referrals Total number of unduplicated clients referred through truancy court -- 285 Total number of unduplicated Mendez Middle School students referred -- 45 Total number of unduplicated Fulmore Middle School students referred -- 55 Total number of unduplicated Travis High School students referred -- 185

**Outcome Measure**

Total number of Clients Successfully completing the program -- 113