

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 64266 Agenda Number 25.

Meeting Date: 11/3/2016 Department: Health and Human Services

Subject

Approve negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 3 for a 12-month extension of an interlocal agreement with AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT for the provision of educational and skill-building services in an amount not to exceed \$1,282,485, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$3,216,485.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$1,282,485 is included in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department.

Fiscal Note	
A fiscal note is not required.	
Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On September 14, 2016 Council approved Ordinance No. 20160914-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget.
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Parent Support Specialists (Specialists) program provides educational and skill-building services to parents and families of students enrolled in AISD. Services include facilitating and promoting parent education, conducting communications and multicultural outreach, and connecting families to other social services and behavioral health resources through referrals.

Specialists are primarily tasked with working with the families, guardians, and communities of their campus and neighborhoods. When necessary, Specialists will also work with students in order to connect them with family-centered services or to better serve their parent or guardian. Specialists work closely with campus child study teams, family resource centers, social services specialists, city neighborhood centers, and other social workers in order to assist clients providing comprehensive services, minimizing duplication, and covering gaps in services. This integrated services-model approach aims to improve the quality of life of all families served by the program. The purposes served by the program include providing life-skills education to parents, developing parent leaders, referring families to mental and behavioral health resources, and improving maternal, child, and adolescent health outcomes.

Currently, the City has an Inter-local Agreement (ILA) with AISD that includes a 14-month term from November 1,

2014 through December 31, 2015 as the result of funding allocated by Council in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget. Amendment No. 1 of the ILA did not affect the budget or purpose of the ILA. Amendment No. 2 of the ILA extended the term for an additional 12 months from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$684,000 as the result of funding allocated by Council in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget. Amendment No. 3 of the ILA will extend the term for an additional 12 months from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 and increase funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,282,485 for a total ILA amount not to exceed \$3,216,485.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Output Measure:

Number of unduplicated individuals served: Goal: 5,125 parents or guardians

Outcome Measures:

Percentage of individuals who complete an educational program that improves their knowledge: Goal: 80%

Percentage of individuals demonstrating improved life skills: Goal: 80%

RELATED DEPARTMENTAL GOALS:

Improve maternal, child and adolescent health outcomes from preconception through young adulthood.

Assist people in achieving safety, stability, and long-term self-sufficiency.