

## AGENDA



## Recommendation for Council Action

## AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting : February 1, 2018

Item Number: 054

## Purchasing Office

Authorize an amendment to a contract with Sustainable Food Center to provide continued farm stands, for an increase in the amount of \$58,000 for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$348,000. (Note: This contract was awarded in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established).

<b>Lead Department</b>	Purchasing Office.
<b>Fiscal Note</b>	Funding in the amount of \$72,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget of Austin Public Health. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.
<b>Purchasing Language</b>	Contract Amendment.
<b>For More Information</b>	Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or <a href="mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov">AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov</a> or to the buyer, Marty James, at 512-974-3164 or <a href="mailto:Marty.James@austintexas.gov">Marty.James@austintexas.gov</a> .
<b>Client Department(s)</b>	Austin Public Health.

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### Additional Backup Information:

The Sustainable Food Center (SFC) farm stand goal is to increase availability of fresh, affordable fruits, vegetables, and nutritious products for Austin and Travis County low income and vulnerable populations. Farm stands are community-run markets that are located in areas with reduced access to healthy affordable food options and higher rates of chronic disease. Fresh produce from local farms are sold at reduced prices and all farm stands offer the SFC Double Dollars program, which doubles the value of purchases made using Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. Weekly farm stands are currently operating in the 78744, 78745, 78758, and 78753 zip codes.

An increase in funding is needed to continue six existing farm stands and add one additional farm stand for a total of 262 operational days throughout Fiscal Year 2017-2018. The current annual budget of \$58,000 is insufficient to meet the programmatic needs of this expanding project. SFC costs of increasing from six to seven weekly farm stands as well as garnering the necessary equipment to process SNAP transactions at all sites is close to \$180,000 annually. The contract increase from \$58,000 to \$72,500 annually offsets some of the additional costs that SFC has had in implementing this project. Farm stand sites include community locations such as schools, parks, health centers, and churches in food deserts and other underserved areas. Community leaders manage the farm stands, increase and promote knowledge of healthy resources, and encourage others to be involved with the local food system. This additional funding will help the Austin Public Health goal of promoting a healthy community by preventing chronic and non-communicable diseases.

If a contract is not secured, the identified communities may not have access to healthy food.

### Contract Detail

		<b><u>Contract Term</u></b>	<b><u>Contract Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Contract Amendment</u></b>	<b><u>Revised Amount</u></b>
Initial Term		2	\$1,100,000	n/a	n/a
Extension Option 1		1	\$ 550,000	n/a	n/a
Extension Option 2		1	\$ 550,000	n/a	n/a
Extension Option 3		1	\$ 550,000	n/a	n/a
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>\$2,750,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

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