Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting : February 15, 2018 Item Number: 029

Public Health

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 3 to the interlocal agreement with Austin Community College to increase funding for childcare quality improvement services in an amount not to exceed \$1,247 for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2018, and increase funding for the three remaining 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$1,247 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$254,393.

Lead Department	Austin Public Health.
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$1,247 is included in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget of Austin Public Health. Funding for extension options is contingent upon Council approval of funding in future budgets.
Prior Council Action	On September 13, 2017, Council approved Ordinance No. 20170913-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget, which included a 2.5% increase to existing social services agreements. On April 13, 2017, Council authorized Amendment No. 1 for this agreement, which included a 2.3% increase. On September 14, 2016 Council approved Ordinance No. 20160914-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget, which included the 2.3% increase to existing social services contracts. On August 18, 2016, Council approved agenda item 20160818-039 approving award, negotiation and execution of this agreement.
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August 10, 2016 - Negotiation and execution of initial agreement was
recommended by The Early Childhood Council on a 7-0-0 vote with
Commissioners Brown, Huston, and Son absent.

Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to complete Amendment No. 3 to add funding to The Training, Retention and Compensation (TRAC) agreement based on the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget adoption process in which Council approved funding for a 2.5% increase to existing social services agreements. This action resulted in an increase of \$1,247 for the TRAC agreement.

Amendment No. 2 exercised the first extension option for the period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

Amendment No. 1 was approved by Council on April 13, 2017. During the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget adoption process, Council approved \$600,000 in funding for current social service providers for a cost of living increase, which resulted in a 2.3% increase for most social service agreements. This resulted in an increase to the TRAC program of \$1,121, for a total amount of \$49,881 for the period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017, and a total amount of \$49,881 for the four remaining 12-month extension options.

The Training, Retention and Compensation (TRAC) program furthers the goals of the School Readiness Action Plan by aiming to increase the number of knowledgeable and skilled early-care and education teachers and directors, and help prevent the problems associated with poor quality childcare. The program provides scholarships for courses, textbooks, and financial incentives for successfully completing child development courses. Participants in the program are teachers and directors in early-care and education settings who work in centers serving a minimum of 20% families with low income or a minimum of 10 children from low-income families. The TRAC program is funded collaboratively with the City of Austin, Travis County, and Workforce Solutions.

Performance Measures (still to be finalized):

Output: 32 Total Number of Unduplicated Clients Served

Outcome: 86.11% Percent of individuals who complete an educational program and

demonstrate

improved knowledge

Related Departmental Goal:

Provision: Social Services - Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors, and lifestyle among targeted populations.

Related Business Plan Goals:

Improve maternal, child and adolescent health outcomes from preconception through adulthood. Promote a healthy community by addressing the needs of vulnerable households.