

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting : February 15, 2018

Item Number: 033

Public Health

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 4 to the interlocal agreement with Worksource Greater Austin Area Workforce Board dba Workforce Solutions - Capital Area Workforce Board to increase funding for the provision of early childhood services in an amount not to exceed \$22,728 for a 12-month period ending September 30, 2018, and increase funding for the three remaining 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$22,728 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$4,636,482.

Lead Department	Austin Public Health.
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$22,728 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 4, 2017, Council approved Amendment No. 2 to reallocate \$359,831 from the Child Care Local Match Contribution Agreement with Workforce Solutions to the QC3 agreement with Workforce Solutions. On December 15, 2016, Council approved Amendment No. 1, which increased funding for this agreement by \$183,415 including \$175,000 for Child Care Continuity Services and a 2.3% cost-of-living increase to the annual base agreement amount. On August 18, 2016, Council approved item 20160818-041, a 12-month interlocal agreement for early childhood services with Workforce Solutions with four 12-month extension options for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,829,340.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action	On June 10, 2016, the Early Childhood Council passed Recommendation 20160608-5Biii that the Austin City Council allocate funding for the Child Care Continuity Services program in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget adoption process.

Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to complete Amendment No. 4 to add funding to the Quality Child Care Collaborative (QC3) interlocal 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 annual increase is \$22,728 for the QC3 agreement.

Amendment No. 3 exercised the first extension option for the period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

Amendment No. 2 to this agreement reallocated \$359,831 included in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Austin Public Health operating budget from the Child Care Local Match Contribution Agreement with Workforce Solutions to the QC3 agreement with Worksource Greater Austin Area Workforce Board d/b/a Workforce Solutions (WFS) for Child Care Continuity Services. The services provided through the QC3 agreement are part of the City's social services child care program for low-income families in partnership with WFS and Travis County that has been in place since Fiscal Year 2005. WFS is able to certify local investments in child care in other ways to still maximize access to federal dollars, and the amendment allows more flexibility to serve the highest-need clients through Child Care Continuity Services.

Amendment No. 1 included allocation of additional funding approved by Council during the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget adoption process to this interlocal agreement, including \$175,000 of funding listed as item HS1.05 in the Council Concept Menu for Child Care Continuity Services and an annual increase in the amount of \$8,415 resulting from the \$600,000 approved for current social service providers that equated to a 2.3% cost-of-living increase for current social service providers in Fiscal Year 2017.

WFS is the largest provider of child care services in Travis County, for both direct child care and child care quality improvement initiatives. QC3 is managed by WFS in coordination with the City of Austin, Travis County, United Way Success by 6, Austin Independent School District, Austin Community College Child Development Department, and Head Start.

High-quality child care has been shown to support cognitive, social, and emotional development in young children. The purpose of the QC3 is to increase the quality of child care in the community by

assisting child care facilities in achieving Texas Rising Star Certification and/or attaining national accreditation. Child Care Continuity Services serve two generations to help break the cycle of poverty and promote family self-sufficiency by enabling parents to obtain and maintain high-quality jobs, promoting child development and school readiness by providing high-quality child care, and promoting child wellbeing by reducing disruptions in child care.

One of the Health and Human Services policies outlined in the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan is to “Improve access to quality child care services near homes and workplaces.” This continued investment in the QC3 from the City would be consistent with the goals of Imagine Austin and help meet a critical need for the community.

Performance Measures (still to be finalized):

Output:	1282	Total Number of Unduplicated Clients Served
Output:	14	Number of parents enrolled in a Parent Leadership and Community Café training
Output:	1183	Number of teachers receiving training or wage supplements
Output:	85	Number of children provided continuous childcare services that otherwise would have been destabilized due to the Child Care Development Fund eligibility criteria.
Outcome:	90%	Percent of individuals who complete an educational program and demonstrate improved knowledge
Outcome:	94.6%	Percent of individuals who showed retention in the early childhood education
Outcome:	17.5%	Percent of children provided continuous childcare services that otherwise would have been destabilized.

Related Departmental Goal:

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