



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-2679, **Agenda Item #:** 35.

8/22/2019

Posting Language

Authorize execution of Amendment No. 1 to the interlocal agreement between the City, Travis County, and the Austin-Travis County Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation (LGC) for the operation and management of the Sobering Center to authorize Travis County to provide the LGC a one-time, non-interest-bearing loan in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

This is an amendment to the ILA, but the City itself is not giving the loan, Travis County is providing loan. This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

On August 30, 2018, Council approved the negotiation and execution of a three-way interlocal agreement with Travis County and the Austin-Travis County Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation for the operation and management of the Sobering Center on a vote of 11-0.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the interlocal agreement with Travis County and Austin-Travis County Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation (LGC) for the operation and management of the Sobering Center. This amendment will authorize Travis County to provide the LGC a one-time, non-interest-bearing loan in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 and will not require any funding from the City. The County is issuing this loan to cover operating expenses for the Sobering Center during a delayed reimbursement of grant funding to the LGC.

The term of the three-way interlocal agreement began October 1, 2018, and it replaced a previous interlocal agreement between the City and the LGC that governed the establishment of the Sobering Center and the provision of limited services prior to the Sobering Center becoming fully operational.

The Sobering Center serves individuals who meet the legal definition of intoxication. Individuals may be referred and transported to the facility by law enforcement or emergency medical services. The LGC aims to enhance public health and public safety by providing an alternative to the emergency room and jail.