



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 19-2767, **Agenda Item #:** 58.

9/19/2019

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with the Center for Child Protection, for program expenses related to the protection of abused children, for up to five years in an amount not to exceed \$2,216,380.

(Note: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

### **Lead Department**

Purchasing Office.

### **Client Department(s)**

Austin Police Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$147,759 is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Professional Service.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The contract is to provide reimbursement to the Center of Child Protection for program expenses related to persons who are victims of violence, abuse, or neglect. The contractor is a nationally accredited children's advocacy center incorporated in 1989 to assist in streamlining the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases in Austin/Travis County. The core service provided by the contractor is the forensic interview, in which specially trained staff interview alleged child victims to determine the facts surrounding a case of abuse. Family advocates are assigned to a case at the point of forensic interview and stay with the family for months and sometimes years as the case travels through the justice system. The contractor also provides medical exams, counseling and intervention during the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases.

The Center for Child Protection's collaboration with agency partners in Travis County has improved the systematic response to children and families by marrying government mandates with non-profit resources.

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Multiple agencies throughout Central Texas are committed to collaborate on cases of child abuse and operate under the auspices of the Travis County Child Protection Team.

This contract will replace the current contract which expires on September 30, 2019. The recommended contractor is the current provider of these services. If this contract is not approved, the City may lose these centrally located services which could delay the successful investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases.

**Contract Detail:**

<b><u>Contract Term</u></b>	<b><u>Length of Term</u></b>	<b><u>Contract Authorization</u></b>
Initial Term	1 yr.	\$ 443,276
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 443,276
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 443,276
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$ 443,276
Optional Extension 4	1 yr.	\$ 443,276
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5 yrs.</b>	<b>\$2,216,380</b>

**Note:** Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.