



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2202, **Agenda Item #:** 8.

6/4/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with United Way to provide support to home based child care providers that are ineligible for COVID-19 pandemic relief in an amount not to exceed \$112,200 for the term June 4, 2020 through September 30, 2020, for a total agreement amount of \$112,200, with no extension options.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$112,200 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Austin Public Health Department's Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

February 21, 2019 - Council approved an interlocal agreement with Austin Independent School District for the provision of startup costs for up to five new Pre-Kindergarten classrooms to expand affordable high- quality early care and education options for Austin residents for a seven-month term in an amount not to exceed \$80,000, on an 11-0 vote.

September 11, 2019 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20190911-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget, which included \$128,000 for early childcare classrooms, on a 10-1 vote with Council Member Flannigan voting no.

September 19, 2019 - Council approved the first amendment to an interlocal agreement with Austin Independent School District for the provision of startup costs for up to five new Pre-Kindergarten classrooms to expand affordable early childcare options for Austin residents in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 on an 11-0 vote.

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with United Way to provide direct relief child care assistance to Austin/Travis County residents impacted by COVID-19. The term for this agreement is June 4, 2020-September 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$112,200, for a total agreement amount of \$112,200, with no extension options.

United Way will use the City's funding for direct relief childcare services and the funds will be matched by the Home Grown Home-Based Child Care Emergency Fund, with an additional \$10,000 in match funding from the

St. David's Foundation.

This support will go towards those home-based childcare providers that are ineligible for COVID-19 pandemic relief, such as the CARES Act, Payroll Protection Program, or Small Business Administration loans. United Way ATX will also support these family childcare providers with guidance on the provision of safe services, which includes information on how to protect themselves and the families served to prevent infection.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.