



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2304, **Agenda Item #:** 46.

6/4/2020

Posting Language

Authorize ratification of an interlocal agreement with University of Texas at Austin-Dell Medical School to conduct a study to analyze, evaluate, and identify approaches for system improvements to protect residents and reduce the risks of the spread of COVID-19 in nursing homes, assisted living centers, and other long-term care facilities in an amount not to exceed \$210,000 for the term June 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$210,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Austin Public Health Department's Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

May 7, 2020 - City Council approved Resolution No. 20200507-059 directing the City Manager to collaborate with the Design Institute for Health, Dell Medical School to analyze, evaluate, and identify approaches for system improvements to protect residents and reduce the risks of the spread of COVID-19 in nursing homes, assisted living centers, and other long term care facilities with a 11-0 vote on the virtual dais.

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will authorize the ratification of an interlocal agreement with University of Texas Austin Dell Medical School's Design Institute for Health to conduct a study of COVID-19 effects on nursing homes and long-term care facilities in an amount not to exceed \$210,000 for the term June 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Austin Public Health has partnered with the University of Texas Austin Dell Medical Center through the Design Institute for Health to conduct a study of long-term care facilities. This funding is to provide for the first two investigatory phases of the study out of five total study phases, as well as to fund a final payment upon completion of the final report. The University represents that it will receive the funding for the other phases necessary to complete the study from sources other than the City, including philanthropic funders. This study will be completed by December 31, 2020. Reports will be provided to the City by the end of June 2020 for phase 1, and phase 2 to be completed by the end of July 2020, and a final report submitted to the City at the end of December 2020.

This agreement is in response to the May 7, 2020 Council resolution directing the City Manager to collaborate with the Design Institute for Health, Dell Medical School. Texas Government Code Chapter 791 requires that an interlocal contract be authorized by the governing body of each party.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.