Posting Language
Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with The Cook’s Nook to provide emergency food access for caregivers of students in Del Valle schools in an amount not to exceed $700,000 for the term June 15, 2020 through August 31, 2020.

Lead Department
Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note
Funding in the amount of $700,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 General Fund Emergency Reserve Fund for Relief in a State of Emergency Fund to support COVID-19 emergency relief.

Prior Council Action:
May 7, 2020 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20200507-057 amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 General Fund Emergency Reserve Fund (Ordinance No. 20190910-001) to appropriate an amount not to exceed $2,200,000 to support emergency food access for caregivers of students in Austin-area schools who are experiencing food shortages due to COVID-19; and declaring an emergency, on an 11-0 vote.

May 7, 2020 - Council approved Resolution No. 20200507-058 <https://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=340219> authorizing the City Manager to take the actions necessary to allocate up to $2.2 million for caregiver meals to be delivered through Austin-area school district school meal distribution sites, and to discuss with additional local school districts and Travis County the coordination of caregiver meals to assist with COVID-19 public health precautions.

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Additional Backup Information:
This action will authorize the negotiation and execution of an agreement with The Cook’s Nook to provide emergency food access for caregivers of students in Del Valle schools in an amount not to exceed $700,000 for the term June 15, 2020 through August 31, 2020.

These funds will be used for emergency food access for caregivers of students who are in Del Valle area schools. Due to this agreement, the Cook’s Nook is able to hire individuals that lost their employment due to COVID-19 to prepare the caregiver meals, which will assist in economic recovery efforts.

Strategic Outcome(s):
Health and Environment; Economic Opportunity and Affordability.