



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1044, **Agenda Item #:** 41.

1/27/2021

Posting Language

Ratify Amendment No. 5 to an agreement with the Austin Public Education Foundation, dba Austin Ed Fund, for the continued provision of emergency food access for caregivers of students in Austin-area schools, to increase funding in an amount not to exceed \$3,900,000 for a term through September 30, 2021, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$8,089,078.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$3,900,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General Fund Emergency Reserve Fund Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

October 15, 2020 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20201015-069 amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General Fund Emergency Reserve Fund (Ordinance No. 20200812-001) to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 to provide economic recovery support to local businesses impacted by COVID-19 and 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.

October 15, 2020 - Council ratified Amendment No. 3 and authorized negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 4 to agreements with Austin Public Education Foundation, to increase funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for both amendments, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$4,189,078, on an 11-0 vote.

October 1, 2020 - Council ratified Amendment No. 2 to the agreement with the Austin Public Education Foundation to increase funding in an amount not to exceed \$369,728 and extend the current term through December 30, 2020, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$2,689,078, on an 11-0 vote.

August 27, 2020 - Council ratified Amendment No. 1 to an agreement with Austin Public Education Foundation to increase funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for the term through September 15, 2020, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$2,319,350, on an 11-0 vote.

June 4, 2020 - Council ratified an agreement with Austin Public Education Foundation to provide emergency food access for caregivers of students in Austin-area schools in an amount not to exceed \$1,319,350 for the term May 21, 2020 through August 31, 2020, on a 10-0 vote, with Council Member Harper-Madison off the dais.

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 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, on an 11-0 vote.

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will authorize the ratification of Amendment No. 5 to an agreement with Austin Public Education Foundation, dba Austin Ed Fund (Austin Ed Fund) for continuation of the COVID-19 Economic Recovery and Caregiver Meals program that provides emergency food access for caregivers of students in Austin-area schools, to increase funding in an amount not to exceed \$3,900,000 and extend the term through September 30, 2021, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$8,089,078.

Amendment No. 4 added \$900,000 for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$4,189,078.

Amendment No. 3 added \$600,000 for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$3,289,078.

Amendment No. 2 added \$369,728 and extended the term through December 30, 2020, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$2,689,078.

Amendment No. 1 added \$1,000,000 and extended the term through September 15, 2020, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$2,319,350.

The original agreement was developed with Austin Ed Fund to provide emergency food access for caregivers of students in Austin-area schools who are experiencing food shortages due to COVID-19 in an amount not to exceed \$1,319,350 for the term May 21, 2020 through August 31, 2020.

The additional funds related to this item will be used for emergency food access for caregivers of students who are in Austin-area schools. Local vendors impacted by COVID-19 that are experiencing business interruptions will prepare the caregiver meals to assist with economic recovery efforts and ensure vendors' employees maintain employment as a result of this contract. Based on weekly estimates, one week's worth of meals cost \$100,000. Funding of \$3,900,000 will provide thirty-nine weeks of meals through the end of September 2021.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment and Economic Opportunity and Affordability.