



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2149, **Agenda Item #:** 29.

6/3/2021

Posting Language

Ratify an interlocal agreement with University of Texas at Austin to implement and evaluate research-driven pilot projects to improve the well-being of long-term care staff in Travis County, for a five-month term ending on September 30, 2021, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$90,000.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$90,000 is included in the COVID-19 Spending Framework (Resolution No. 20200604-040) as part of the Economic Support for Financial and Other Direct Support.

Prior Council Action:

June 4, 2020 - Council approved Resolution No. 20200604-040 adopting the COVID-19 proposed spending framework for the use of all available federal and local funding that maximizes the benefit of federal COVID-19 relief funding and local funding, on an 11-0 vote.

May 21, 2020 - Council approved Resolution No. 20200521-038 directing the City Manager to establish a unified city strategy for high-risk workers, on an 11-0 vote.

May 7, 2020 - Approve Resolution 20200507-059 directing the City Manager to plan and collaborate with outside entities; develop, fund, and implement programs; and report status updates to Council regarding efforts to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 among the residents and staff of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities, and other vulnerable persons, on an 11-0 vote.

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will authorize the ratification of an interlocal cooperation agreement with University of Texas Austin to implement and evaluate two to three research-driven pilot projects to improve the well-being of long-term care staff in Travis County in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 for the term May 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021.

This agreement is a pilot implementation project based on research begun in 2020 with the COVID-19 Nursing Home Redesign Study performed by the University of Texas at Austin, Dell Medical School, which analyzed, evaluated, and identified 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.

On May 7, 2020, Council approve a resolution directing the City Manager to plan and collaborate with outside entities; develop, fund, and implement programs; and report status updates to Council regarding efforts to

prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 among the residents and staff of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities, and other vulnerable persons.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.