



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1994, **Agenda Item #:** 25.

6/10/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Project Prosper of Florida to conduct survey data collection and analysis for the Office of Violence Prevention, for a twelve-month term through June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$170,500.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$170,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will authorize the negotiation and execution of an agreement with Project Prosper of Florida to conduct survey data collection and analysis on violence committed against sex workers in the Austin-Travis County area.

In August of 2019, Council adopted Resolution No. 20190822-069, which established a Task Force on Gun Violence, sponsored by Council Members Alter, Tovo, Ellis, Renteria, and Kitchen. The purpose of the Task Force was to advise Council on potential actions the City can take to reduce gun violence at the local level, and to make recommendations for enhancing existing resources and campaigns, such as safe storage education, community and domestic violence intervention, and gun surrender programs. The Task Force's key suggestion was to create an appropriately resourced Office of Violence Prevention.

Council Member Alter submitted a budget amendment to establish funding to create the new Office of Violence Prevention within the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget, with Council Members Casar, Ellis, and Tovo as co-sponsors. The initial funding will focus on outside technical assistance for strategic planning to develop and build-out a successful office, and will also initiate immediate violence reduction and prevention contracts.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.