City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2593, **Agenda Item #:** 11.   8/26/2021

Posting Language

Authorize execution of an interlocal agreement with the City of Galveston, for the City of Austin to provide temporary emergency shelter for City of Galveston evacuees during a mandatory evacuation.

Lead Department

Management Services, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

This Inter-local Cooperation Act Agreement is between the City of Austin and the Galveston County for short-term shelter during a mandatory evacuation. The City of Austin has, at the request of the State of Texas, developed and implemented a regional Capital Area Hurricane Evacuation Shelter Hub Plan. As part of that plan, the City of Austin has been asked to accommodate evacuees with special transportation and medical needs from the Galveston County area. The total number of evacuees covered by this agreement will be approximately 1,200. The short-term shelter(s) will not exceed five (5) calendar days.

Under this Agreement, the Cities of Austin and Galveston will cooperate in the process of seeking FEMA and State direct reimbursement for the services provided under this Agreement. In the event neither FEMA nor the State reimburses Austin for operation of the shelters, Austin agrees that any payment for the performance of services detailed in this Agreement will be made from current revenues available.

The initial term of this Agreement runs through February 28, 2023. Afterwards, the Agreement will automatically renew for up to three (3) additional 12 month renewal terms, unless the Agreement is earlier terminated by the parties by providing written notice of non-renewal prior to November 15 of each year.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety, Health and Environment.