



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2183, Agenda Item #: 6.

6/16/2022

Posting Language

Authorize the execution of an interlocal agreement with Austin Independent School District (AISD) to expand access to no-cost full-day pre-kindergarten for three-year-old students residing within AISD's school boundary through December 31, 2024 for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$902,075.

Lead Department

Economic Development.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$750,036 is available from the U.S. Department of Treasury, American Rescue Plan. Funding in the amount of \$80,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of Austin Public Health. Funding for the remaining balance is contingent upon available (FY22 appropriation) funding from the U.S. Department of Treasury, American Rescue Plan.

Prior Council Action:

June 10, 2021 - Council passed Resolution No. 20210610-077 approving the American Rescue Plan Act Spending Framework and authorizing the City Manager to make the necessary allocations.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will authorize the execution of an interlocal cooperation agreement with AISD to expand half-day pre-kindergarten programs for three-year-old children (Pre-K 3) to offer no-cost full-day Pre-K 3 at select campuses. Five classes will be expanded serving an estimated 85 Pre-K 3 students including current students in School Year 2021-22 and new students through December 2024. This full-day Pre-K 3 program will provide enhanced educational support to mitigate the impacts of the pandemic on families and the educational and economic prospects of their children.

AISD currently offers a state-funded half-day Pre-K 3 program. During the 2019-20 academic year, AISD served more than 1,600 Pre-K 3 students. Most students served in AISD's Pre-K 3 are eligible for the free half-day program. Families that do not meet the eligibility requirements may opt to pay tuition to participate in the program.

The expansion from half-day to full-day Pre-K 3 will benefit students by increasing the likelihood that they will be prepared for learning in kindergarten and beyond. Also, full-day Pre-K 3 benefits families who need full-day high-quality early care and education to meet the needs of families that have employment, education, or training commitments.

The interlocal agreement with AISD shall not exceed \$902,075 and the term of the contract is through

December 31, 2024.

The agreement is for a total of \$902,075 and funding sources include \$750,036 from the U.S. Department of Treasury, American Rescue Plan (Fiscal Year 2021-2022 appropriation) and \$80,000 from Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of Austin Public Health. Funding for the remaining balance (\$72,039) is contingent upon available (Fiscal Year 2022-2023 appropriation) funding from the U.S. Department of Treasury, American Rescue Plan.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability, Health and Environment, Government that Works for All.