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City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2700, Agenda Item #: 58.

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Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with FUSE Corps to place one executive fellow within Management Services to support the development of the City's resilience hub network, for a 12-month term ending on October 23, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.

Lead Department

Management Services.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$80,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of the Office of Sustainability.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with FUSE Corps ("FUSE") to place one executive fellow ("Fellow") within Management Services to support the development of the City's resilience hub network.

FUSE is a national nonprofit that pairs Fellows with local governments for twelve months to advance specific initiatives. The Fellows are employees of FUSE, but local governments pay a portion of the Fellow's salary. FUSE also provides compensation for services to be rendered under the agreement. The cost of the Fellow is \$180,000, which includes salary and benefits as well as executive training, coaching, and management support services. The total cost of \$180,000 includes the City's contribution of \$80,000 and FUSE's contribution of \$100,000 through philanthropic resources.

Once onboarded, the Fellow will work with the City, community, and private stakeholders to research, plan, and implement a strategy to activate community-owned, community-operated sites for the City's resilience hub network. The Fellow will then develop a framework to build out community-managed facilities in the areas most affected by extreme weather and climate change impacts. This will include plans to identify, assess, select, review, approve, and operationalize new sites. The Fellow will leverage the existing and ongoing efforts of the comprehensive resilience hub program and will expand on those efforts to accomplish the objectives set forth by Resolution Nos. 20210408-028 and 20220616-051.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety, Health and Environment, Government that Works for All.