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CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Approve negotiation and execution of a 12-month Interlocal Agreement with TRAVIS COUNTY to provide for the delivery of basic needs and self-sufficiency/case management services to low-income rural residents, in an amount not to exceed \$98,102 with one 12-month renewal option in an amount not to exceed \$98,102, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$196,204.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$98,102 is available in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department Special Revenue Fund, Community Services Block Grant (CSBG). The contract period for the Interlocal Agreement and grant is January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005. Funding for one renewal option is contingent on performance and available funding in future budgets.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Health and Human
DEPARTMENT: Services

**DIRECTOR'S
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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

Background

The City of Austin Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) receives an annual formula-based Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). The CSBG grant provides administrative support to a network of local Community Action Agencies that provide services to very low-income persons. The City of Austin is considered the "Community Action Agency" for Travis County. The program provides funding for the delivery of basic needs and self-sufficiency/case management services for low-income residents through the City's six (6) Neighborhood Centers and Travis County's five (5) Rural Community Centers. Pursuant to the CSBG grant requirement that services be provided to all eligible persons residing in Travis County, \$98,102 is passed through to Travis County, via interlocal agreement, for delivery of services to rural County residents at its five (5) Rural Community Centers.

Performance Measures

Related Goals

Prevention/Provision: Social Services – Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors



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and lifestyles among targeted populations.

Outcomes

- Clients surveyed that rate services received as satisfying their immediate basic needs will remain substantially unchanged at 95%.
- The percentage of households case managed who report an improvement in quality of life will remain substantially unchanged at 70%.
- Percent of households case managed whose income increases beyond the federal poverty level will remain unchanged at 7%.

Outputs

- Households case managed by the self-sufficiency services activity will remain unchanged at 391.
- Units* of basic needs service delivered at neighborhood centers will remain substantially unchanged at 160,000.
- Individuals served by the neighborhood centers (unduplicated) will remain unchanged at 13,650.

*Units of service represent the number of food, notary, clothing, blankets, fans, and other basic needs services provided by the neighborhood centers.

Requested Council Action

Council is requested to approve execution of a 12-month Interlocal Agreement with TRAVIS COUNTY to provide for the delivery of basic needs and self-sufficiency/case management services to low-income rural residents, in an amount not to exceed \$98,102 with one 12-month renewal option in an amount not to exceed \$98,102 per renewal option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$196,204.