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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	21918	Agenda Number	11.
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Meeting Date:	2/28/2013	Department:	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 2 to the social services contract for early childhood services with WORKSOURCE GREATER AUSTIN AREA WORKFORCE BOARD for an increase in an amount not to exceed \$242,875, for a total 30-month contract amount not to exceed \$905,375, and to increase each of the two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$80,159 for each option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,595,693.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$162,716 is included in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of Health and Human Services Department. The term of the contract is for the period of April 1, 2012 through September 30, 2014. Subsequent fiscal year and extension options funding is contingent on future funding availability.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action:

On October 6, 2011, Council authorized a 30-month contract for the agency under RFP #WDJ0004. On September 11, 2012, Council approved adding one-time and ongoing Early Childhood funding to the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of Health and Human Services Department.

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Boards and Commission Action:

October 10, 2012, Recommended by Early Childhood Council.
February 19, 2013, Recommended by the Public Health and Human Services Committee.

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

WORKSOURCE GREATER AUSTIN AREA WORKFORCE BOARD d/b/a Workforce Solutions (WFS) is the largest provider of child care services in Travis County, for both direct child care and child care quality improvement initiatives. Approval of this action will increase the quality improvement program called the Quality Child Care Collaborative (QC3). QC3 is managed by WFS in coordination with the City, Travis County, United Way Success By 6, Austin ISD, Austin Community College Child Development, and Head Start. The increased funding will be allocated to the following programs:

Parent Leadership and Community Cafés - \$20,000 of ongoing funding will be dedicated to this project. This project will use the evidence-based Community Café model to foster community empowerment and parent leadership in target neighborhoods. Groups of parents meet monthly to provide peer support, explore ways to increase the “protective factors” in their communities, and to advocate for solutions to community problems/concerns. Funding will pay for training and stipends for parent leaders, food for sessions, and child care.

Jeannette Watson Fellowships - \$60,159 of ongoing funding will be dedicated to this project. The funding increases the number of teachers with AA, AAS, BA degrees in centers serving low-income families. The primary goal is the retention of highly-qualified and skilled teachers in classrooms with vulnerable children. Child outcomes, teacher retention rates, and center quality will be measured with validated, external tools.

Curriculum & Local Training Second Step - \$20,057 of one-time funding will be dedicated to this project. The Second Step early learning program teaches self-regulation and executive-function skills that help children learn skills to manage their feelings, make friends, and solve problems. The training and curriculum will be provided to centers that serve low-income children.

Job Search - \$62,500 of one-time funding will be used to provide up to four weeks of child care while parents who are in a City funded workforce training program search for work. Parents will be case managed by the workforce training providers during the search. Federal and state funded child care through WFS does not allow for child care during a job search, and this new initiative addresses that gap.

Performance Measures

Related Business Plan Goals:

Improve maternal, child and adolescent health outcomes from preconception through adulthood.
Promote a healthy community by addressing the needs of vulnerable households.

Performance Measures (estimated) Output Measure	Current Goal	Increase Goal	New Goal
Number of Unduplicated Clients Served	1,400	280	1,680
Number of Unduplicated Clients Served (Job Search) (Children)	-0-	115	115
Outcome Measures			Goal
Percent of individuals demonstrating improved life skills and/or knowledge			89%