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Recommendation for Council Action

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| Austin City Council | Item ID | 24566 | Agenda Number | 19. |
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| Meeting Date: | 6/6/2013 | Department: | Health and Human Services |
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT HOUSTON for a 12 month term from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 for evaluation of a healthy-based initiative to address the needs of economically disadvantaged households in Austin in a total amount not to exceed \$50,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$50,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact.

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| Purchasing Language: | |
| Prior Council Action: | |
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| Boards and Commission Action: | |
| MBE / WBE: | |
| Related Items: | |

Additional Backup Information

Recent public health investigation has determined that place matters in health, so much so that zip code has been correlated with life expectancy. Neighborhood environmental factors including access to healthy food, physical activity, health care, safe housing and other neighborhood assets affect health at the individual level. A four month planning period funded by the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation (MSDF) and undertaken by the residents, stakeholders, and partners in the Austin neighborhood of Dove Springs (zip code 78744) has resulted in the selection of evidence-based strategies to improve healthy food access and opportunities for physical activity in schools, out of school time, early childhood settings, and in the community at large. These strategies, and action plans reflecting detailed steps to achieve each strategy as well as key leaders accountable for them, have been assembled into a Community Action Plan (CAP) for the first year of the GO! Austin/VAMOS! Austin (GAVA) initiative.

The City wishes to leverage existing funds provided by MSDF to the University of Texas Health Science Center at

Houston Austin Regional Campus to fund a portion of the evaluation of GAVA. GAVA is a multicomponent, place-based health effort which engages multiple sectors through dozens of partners and via multiple implementing teams tasked with various strategies. MSDF is funding the majority of the project. The City is contributing \$50,000 in City funding to the overall evaluation project.

The overall purpose of the GAVA evaluation is to determine if a community-based, coalition-driven, multi-component, multi-setting intervention can increase engagement in physical activity and healthy eating, and thereby lead to improved health outcomes in an economically disadvantaged community in central Texas, over a five-year period.

Recommendations

Based on available funds, staff recommends that the City enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT HOUSTON for a twelve (12) month term from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 in a total amount not to exceed \$50,000.

Performance Measures:

Related Goal:

Promote a healthy community by addressing the needs of vulnerable households.

Performance Measures will be developed during contract negotiation period.