

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	28546	Agenda Number	7.
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Meeting Date:	11/21/2013	Department:	Community Court
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of new co-sponsorship agreement with Austin/Travis County Reentry Roundtable to increase the City of Austin’s sponsorship in the amount of \$5,000, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$40,000 annually.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$40,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of the Community Court.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action: December 10, 2009 – the City Council authorized the Austin Police Department to negotiate and execute a co-sponsorship agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin/Travis County Reentry Roundtable, in the amount of \$35,000 annually.

For More Information: Pete Valdez, Court Administrator, Community Court, 512-974-4873

Boards and Commission Action:

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

The Austin/Travis County Reentry Roundtable was created to develop effective strategies for convicted criminal offenders to successfully reenter into the fabric of society.

In FY10, the Austin Police Department was authorized to negotiate and execute a co-sponsorship agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin/Travis County Reentry Roundtable, in the amount of \$35,000 annually, to enhance public safety by developing effective strategies for convicted criminal offenders to successfully reenter into society.

In FY14, the contract funding amount will increase by \$5,000, bringing the total contract amount to \$40,000 annually. In exchange for the City of Austin's additional sponsorship, the Roundtable agrees to the following: engage employers to employ more persons with criminal backgrounds; advocate for effective employment readiness training programs during incarceration; assist with transitional housing after release; and encourage community services that support families and children of incarcerated persons. The Community Court will handle the administration of this new agreement.

The new agreement is effective when signed by both parties and will expire on September 30, 2014. However, it will automatically renew annually on October 1 of each successive year for up to five years, unless terminated by either party by written notice.