

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	29370	Agenda Number	65.
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Meeting Date:	December 12, 2013
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirement service agreement with the CENTER FOR CHILD PROTECTION for program expenses related to the protection of abused children in an amount not to exceed \$369,396, with five 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$369,396 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,216,376.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$369,396 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	Exemption – Public Health and Safety
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Prior Council Action:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.
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Additional Backup Information

The Center for Child Protection was incorporated in 1989 as a children's advocacy center that assists in streamlining the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases in Austin/Travis County. The core service provided at the Center is the forensic interview, in which specially trained staff interview alleged child victims to determine the facts surrounding a case of abuse. Family advocates are assigned to a case at the point of forensic interview and stay with the family for months and sometimes years as the case travels through the justice system. The Center also provides medical exams, counseling, and intervention during the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases.

Over time, the increasing depth of the Center for Child Protection's collaboration with agency partners in Travis County has improved the systematic response to children and families by marrying government mandates with non-profit resources. In 1999, Travis County and the City of Austin declared the Center as their sole provider of forensic interviews with alleged child victims in Travis County and the City of Austin, working alongside a multidisciplinary team of other agencies including Travis County District Attorney's Office, Travis County Sheriff's Office, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (Child Protective Services), Dell Children's Medical Center, and all other law enforcement agencies in Travis County including the police departments of Austin Independent School District, Pflugerville, Pflugerville ISD, Elgin, Briarcliff, Jonestown, Lakeway, Cedar Park, Leander, Sunset Valley, Mustang Ridge, Lago Vista, Bee Cave, Manor, West Lake Hills, Rollingwood and the University of Texas. These agencies are committed to collaborate on cases of child abuse and operate under the auspices of the Travis County Child Protection Team.

Health and Human Services contract administration and budget was transferred to the Austin Police Department in Fiscal Year 2013 to expand the services that were provided, and so that funding and management of the program would reside in a single department.