

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	29486	Agenda Number	22.
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Meeting Date: 1/23/2014 Department: Health and Human Services

Subject

Approve negotiation and execution of an 11-month contract for early childhood services with CHILD INC in an amount not to exceed \$575,000, with one 12-month extension option not to exceed \$575,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,150,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$575,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of Health and Human Services Department. The initial term of the contract is for the period of November 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014. Funding for the balance of the contract is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On September 10, 2013 Council included \$575,000 for a Child Inc summer and extended day programs to the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of Health and Human Services Department.
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Boards and Commission Action:	November 12, 2013, Reviewed by Early Childhood Council
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

Council approval of this recommendation will prevent the loss of the 2014 summer program for at least 300 children ages 3 – 5 years. The full-day program will last at least 8 weeks primarily in the months of June, July and August 2014. Additional benefits are the prevention of summer learning loss and preventing working parents from having to find alternate summer care. In addition, the funding will be used to support the provision of extended day child care to an estimated 114 children during the school year due to the move to a part-day Head Start classroom model.

Child Inc is the only Head Start grantee for Austin. Head Start is a federal program that promotes the school readiness of children ages birth to 5 from very low-income (under federal poverty level) families by enhancing their cognitive, social and emotional development. Head Start programs provide a learning environment that supports children's growth in: language and literacy, cognition and general knowledge, physical development and health, social

and emotional development, and approaches to learning. Head Start programs provide comprehensive services to enrolled children and their families, which include health, nutrition, social services and other services determined to be necessary by family needs assessments, in addition to education and cognitive development services.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Related Business Plan Goal: Assist People in Achieving Safety, Stability, and Long Term Self-Sufficiency

Output Measure Goal

Number of Unduplicated Clients Served 414 children

Outcome Measure Goal

Percent of children or youth progressing to the next developmental level 85%