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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council - Commissioners Court Meeting	Item ID	35526	Agenda Number	25.
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Meeting Date:	9/25/2014	Department:	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 1 to an interlocal agreement with THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT HOUSTON, for evaluation of a 5-year health-based initiative aimed to address the needs of economically disadvantaged households in Austin, to add one 12-month renewal option beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$50,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On June 6, 2013, Council authorized negotiation and execution of a 12-month Interlocal Agreement with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. In addition, on September 9, 2013, Council approved Ordinance No. 20130909-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget.
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

Recent public health investigation has determined that place matters in health, so much so that zip codes correlate 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) resulted in the selection of evidence-based strategies. The strategies improve healthy food access and opportunities for physical activity in schools, out of school time, early childhood settings, and in the community at large. Action plans reflect detailed steps to achieve each strategy as well as outline key leaders' accountability, and 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 the evaluation of GAVA. GAVA is a multicomponent, place-based health effort that engages multiple sectors through dozens of partners and via multiple implementing teams tasked with various strategies.