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Recommendation for Council Action

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| Austin City Council | Item ID | 56231 | Agenda Number | 49. |
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| Meeting Date: | 3/31/2016 | Department: | Transportation |
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month interlocal agreement with the Capital Area Council of Governments to provide funding for clean air programs in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$80,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 operational budget for Austin Transportation Department.

Fiscal Note

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| Purchasing Language: | |
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| Prior Council Action: | Resolution No. 20120524-077, Council Briefing 03/21/2013. |
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Additional Backup Information

Capital Area Council of Government's (CAPCOG) Air Quality Program provides technical assistance and information to area businesses, government entities and community groups on regional air quality issues, with particular emphasis on pollution related to ground-level ozone. Program efforts are directed at gaining a better understanding of the sources and extent of regional air quality problems by operating air monitoring stations, estimating and modeling emissions and evaluating emission reduction measures to develop effective strategies for the area. The CAPCOG Air Quality Program also provides support for the Central Texas Clean Air coalition (CAC) and the CAC Advisory Committee which is comprised of 20 elected officials from the five-county Austin-Round Rock metropolitan statistical area who facilitate the ongoing regional initiative to reduce ozone pollution.

The City of Austin has committed to support the Capital Area Council of Governments and the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition in expanding its role of regional coordination for air quality program in Central Texas. The purpose of this interlocal agreement is to provide funding to implement the Austin-Round Rock Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) Ozone Advance Program Action Plan (OAP) with a specific focus on outreach and education efforts.

Activities will include:

- Task 1: Develop and Maintain an Air Central Texas Website;
- Task 2: Conduct and Coordinate Regional In-Person Air Quality Outreach and Education;
- Task 3: Conduct Electronic Air Quality Outreach and Education;
- Task 4: Provide Technical Assistance to Fleet Managers for Emission Reduction Grants;
- Task 5: Conduct Targeted Outreach to Seniors to Help Reduce High Air Pollution Exposure; and
- Task 6: Regional Air Quality Awards and Recognition Program.

It is expected that the tasks outlined above will:

- Build a robust outreach and education campaign that will bring consistency to the messages and branding of the regional efforts,
- Continue to encourage the general public to take actions to reduce ozone-forming emissions,
- Support the implementation of fleet management measures, and
- Ensure the vulnerable members of the community have enough information about ozone to protect themselves from exposure to high ozone levels when they occur in the region.

Agreement to secure funding for Capital Area Council of Governments programs in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for a 12 month period. Approval of this agreement does not obligate or prohibit the City from funding the program beyond the one year term.