

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	65050	Agenda Number	55.
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Meeting Date:	12/15/2016	Department:	Telecommunications and Reg Affairs
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Subject

Authorize the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Austin Independent School District (AISD) to contribute up to \$459,047.00 from fees collected by the City from Austin's cable providers for public, educational, and governmental access channels for AISD's purchase of equipment necessary for the operation of the AISD educational access channel.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the FY 2016-2017 capital budget of the Austin Cable Access Fund.

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

In accordance with each cable company's state-issued franchise, the City of Austin receives fees from each cable provider serving the Austin area to pay for capital expenses related to the operation of Austin's public, educational, and governmental (PEG) access channels. The annual PEG fee contribution from the cable providers is currently \$ 1.9 million.

AISD operates and manages one of Austin's two-educational access channels. AISD has presented \$323,747.00 in capital equipment needs to the City to finish out the studio control room. The new equipment will allow remote camera switching, updated graphics, and a new video router. AISD requested an additional \$ 135,000.00 in capital funds to upgrade the master control equipment and purchase a new AISD TV mobile production vehicle to support remote production at the 130 AISD facilities. City Council approved \$ 460,000 in PEG funding during the FY17 budget process to contribute to this project. The entire purchase will be directed by AISD to ensure that all equipment is compatible with required uses and AISD will cover and remaining costs.

Staff is seeking approval to negotiate and execute an interlocal agreement with AISD for the allocation of up to \$459,047.00 towards the AISD PEG equipment purchase. The contribution from the City to AISD meets the intent of Resolution 20110217-048 adopted by the City Council in February 2011 directing the City Manager to collaborate with AISD on budget partnership options. This contribution helps ensure the ongoing cablecasting of school board meeting and district events and will help provide live programming capability at all of the AISD facilities to host live events and meetings.