

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

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| Austin City Council | | Item ID | 69067 | Agenda Number | 13. |
| Meeting Date: | 4/6/2017 | | | Department: | Public Health |
| Subject | | | | | |
| Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 2 to the Quality Child Care Collaborative (QC3) agreement with WORKSOURCE GREATER AUSTIN AREA WORKFORCE BOARD dba WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS - CAPITAL AREA WORKFORCE BOARD to add the Child Care Local Match Contribution agreement to the QC3 agreement, and to increase funding for this new combined agreement in an amount not to exceed \$359,831 for the period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017, with four remaining 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$909,114 per renewal option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,545,570. | | | | | |
| Amount and Source of Funding | | | | | |
| Funding in the amount of \$359,831 is included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget of Austin Public Health. Funding for renewal options is contingent upon Council approval of funding in future budgets. | | | | | |
| Fiscal Note | | | | | |
| A fiscal note is not required. | | | | | |
| Purchasing Language: | | | | | |
| Prior Council Action: | On September 17, 2015, Council approved item 20150917-023 authorizing a 12-month local match agreement with Workforce Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$331,832, with three 12-month extension options. On April 14, 2016, Council passed Resolution 20160414-004 related to Child Care Continuity Services. On August 18, 2016, Council approved item 20160818-041, a 12-month interlocal agreement for early childhood services with Workforce Solutions with four 12-month extension options for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,829,340. On September 14, 2016 Council approved Ordinance No. 20160914-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget. | | | | |
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| Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action: | On June 10, 2016, the Early Childhood Council passed Recommendation 20160608-5Biii that the Austin City Council allocate funding for the Child Care Continuity Services program in the Fiscal Year 2016-17 process. | | | | |
| MBE / WBE: | | | | | |
| Related Items: | | | | | |
| Additional Backup Information | | | | | |

WORKSOURCE GREATER AUSTIN AREA WORKFORCE BOARD d/b/a Workforce Solutions (WFS) is the largest provider of child care services in Travis County, for both direct child care and child care quality improvement initiatives. Approval of this action will provide continuation of funding for the Quality Child Care Collaborative (QC3). QC3 is managed by WFS in coordination with the City of Austin, Travis County, United Way Success by 6, Austin Independent School District, Austin Community College Child Development Department, and Head Start.

High quality child care has been shown to support cognitive, social, and emotional development in young children. The purpose of the QC3 is to increase the quality of child care in the community by assisting child care facilities in achieving Texas Rising Star Certification and/or attaining national accreditation. Child Care Continuity Services serve two generations to help break the cycle of poverty and promote family self-sufficiency by enabling parents to obtain and maintain high quality jobs, promoting child development and school readiness by providing high quality child care, and promoting child wellbeing by reducing disruptions in child care.

During the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget process, Council approved \$175,000 of funding for Child Care Continuity Services that was added to the QC3 agreement, and Council also approved \$600,000 in funding for current social service providers that resulted in a 2.3% increase to the base agreement for most social service contracts equating to an additional \$8,415 for the QC3 agreement. As a result, Council approved Amendment No. 1 to the QC3 agreement to increase funding in the amount of \$183,415 for the current 12-month term, and \$8,415 per renewal option for the four remaining 12-month renewal options.

WFS is also a local agent for the Texas Workforce Commission and distributes state and federal child care funding for low-income working families in Austin/Travis County. The federal government allows states to use state and local government funds to match federal funds, such as the Austin Public Health Department's Child Care and Development Fund. Texas does not match all available federal child care funding, so local government funds can be used to increase the available match presented by federal funds. The Child Care Local Match Contribution Agreement was established to provide the local match for federal funds, anticipated to be at a matching ratio of 34% local funds to 66% federal funds, resulting in about \$1.98 in federal funds for each \$1.00 in City funds.

During the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget process, Council approved \$19,909 of funding for a 6% increase for social service contracts increasing the original Child Care Local Match Contribution Agreement contract amount from \$331,832 to \$351,741. During the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget process, Council approved a 2.3% increase to the base agreement for most social service contracts equating to an additional \$8,090 for the Child Care Local Match agreement, for a revised total agreement amount of \$359,831.

Amendment No. 2 to this agreement will reallocate \$359,831 included in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Austin Public Health operating budget from the Child Care Local Match Contribution Agreement with WFS to the QC3 agreement with WFS for Child Care Continuity Services. The services provided through the QC3 agreement are part of the City's social services child care program for low-income families in partnership with WFS and Travis County that has been in place since Fiscal Year 2005. WFS is now able to certify local investments in child care in other ways to still maximize access to federal dollars, and has requested the funds in the Child Care Local Match agreement be shifted to the QC3 agreement to allow more flexibility to serve the highest-need clients through Child Care Continuity Services.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Performance Measures (estimated):

Output Measure:

Number of Unduplicated Clients Served: 762 clients

RELATED DEPARTMENTAL GOAL:

Provision: Social Services – Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors, and lifestyle among targeted populations.