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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	71611	Agenda Number	26.
Meeting Date:	6/15/2017			Department:	Public Health
Subject					
Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES to extend the term for 12 months for remote certification of vital records beginning September 1, 2017, and ending August 31, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, for a total revised agreement amount not to exceed \$605,000.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding in the amount of \$25,000 is available in the FY16-17 Operating Budget of Austin Public Health					
Fiscal Note					
A fiscal note is not required.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:	On November 8, 2012 Council approved the original 12-month interlocal agreement with the Texas Department of State Health Services for remote certification of vital records for a one-year term beginning October 1, 2012, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, with four 12-month extension options not to exceed \$120,000 per extension option.				
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:					
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					

Additional Backup Information

This interlocal agreement allows staff members of the Austin Public Health, Office of Vital Records (OVR) continued access to the vital records database maintained by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). The OVR provides certified copies of birth and death records. Access to the DSHS database will allow OVR staff members to issue certified copies of birth certificates for individuals born in Texas, but outside the City of Austin. The birth certificates issued via this database employ a State-mandated security format that helps prevent identity theft and other types of fraud by restricting the personal information printed on the birth certificate. The OVR has been successfully using this database since 1997. Based on current usage and Census data, the OVR estimates that it will use the database to access and print approximately 27,000 birth certificates during the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Performance Measures will not change since the measures currently include access to this DSHS database. This measure includes all certified copies of birth and death certificates issued by OVR.

Activity Name	Measure ID	Name	FY18 Projected
Vital Records	8137	Number of certified copies of death & birth certificates issued	56,750

Related Departmental Goal: Strengthen Public Health Infrastructure for Improved Health Outcomes.