

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: December 14, 2017

Item Number: 054

Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs

Authorize the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Austin Independent School District (AISD) to contribute up to \$353,462.26 from fees collected by the City from Austin's cable providers for public, educational, and governmental access channels to AISD's purchase of equipment necessary for the operation of the AISD educational access channel.

Lead Department	Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs.
Fiscal Note	Funding is available in the FY 2017-2018 capital budget of the Austin Cable Access Fund.
For More Information	Rondella M. Hawkins, TARA Officer, 512-974-2422.

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 \$353,462.26 in capital equipment needs to the City for Phase III of the AISD.TV studio and Performing Arts Center, (PAC). The funds from this project will allow AISD to install remote cameras, a production switcher and audio system at the PAC, enabling AISD to broadcast events live remotely with less personnel.

Staff is seeking approval to negotiate and execute an interlocal agreement with AISD for the allocation of up to \$353,462.26 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.