

Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: August 30, 2018 Item Number: 062

Public Health

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Austin-Travis County Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation (LGC) and Travis County for operation by the LGC of the Sobering Center in an amount not to exceed \$1,123,359 for the 12-month period beginning October 1, 2018, with up to four 12-month extension options not to exceed \$1,123,359 per extension option, for a total amount not to exceed \$5,616,795.

Lead Department	Austin Public Health.
Fiscal Note	Funding for the interlocal agreement is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.
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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute an interlocal agreement with the Austin-Travis County Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation (LGC), which is doing business as the Sobering Center, and Travis County for provision of services and operation of the new Sobering Center by the LGC. The Sobering Center will occupy the County facility located at 1213 Sabine Street Austin, TX 78701, which until recently housed the Travis County Medical Examiner's Office.

In February, 2017, the City and the LGC entered into an interlocal agreement (original agreement) for initial actions necessary to establish a sobriety center, including but not limited to the hiring of an executive director, administrative support personnel, accounting services, and legal counsel. The City and the LGC subsequently amended the original agreement two separate times in order to: 1) to add funding so that the LGC could continue to take actions and make the procurements necessary to establish a sobriety center and 2) change the scope of work to include direct service delivery to clients at the time the Sobering Center opened and began accepting clients.

The original interlocal agreement between the City and the LGC terminates on September 30, 2018. This new agreement between the City, the LGC, and the County will replace the original agreement and will govern the relationship between and amongst the three parties concerning the operation and management of the Sobering Center into the future.