

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: November 15, 2018

Item Number: 026

Public Health

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Health and Human Services Commission for the Community Partner Program for a 48-month term.

Lead Department	Austin Public Health.
Fiscal Note	This item has no fiscal impact.
Prior Council Action	On September 22, 2016, Council authorized the execution of a 24-month interlocal agreement between Austin Public Health and the Health and Human Services Commission for the Community Partner Program. Council vote was 8-0-1 with Council Member Zimmerman abstaining, Council Member Casar off the dais and Council Member Troxclair absent.
For More Information	Stephanie Hayden, Director, 512-972-5010; Donna Sundstrom, Assistant Director; 512- 972-5038 Mona Allen, Acting Manager, Neighborhood Services Unit, 512-972-5431; Estella Kirscht, Agenda Coordinator, 512-972-5039.

Additional Backup Information:

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) offers a Community Partner Program, through which eligible entities can provide citizens with online community-based application assistance for the

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Medicaid, Long-term Care Services, and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

Austin Public Health (APH) proposes to enter into an interlocal agreement with HHSC to provide online application assistance to citizens at APH's neighborhood centers. The neighborhood centers currently provide basic needs-services to citizens, including the provision of emergency food, case management, and preventive health services. Participation in the HHSC Community Partner program will enable APH to reduce barriers to enrollment in SNAP and other HHSC benefit programs.