



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-2827, **Agenda Item #:** 44.

9/19/2019

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 2 to the interlocal agreement between the City, Travis County, and the Austin-Travis County Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation for the operation and management of the Sobering Center, adding funding in an amount not to exceed \$721,836 for each twelve-month extension option beginning October 1, 2019, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$8,504,139.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$1,845,195 is included in the Austin Public Health Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

On August 22, 2019, Council authorized execution of Amendment No. 1 to the interlocal agreement for operation of the Sobering Center, allowing Travis County to provide the LGC a one-time, non-interest-bearing loan in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 on an 11-0 vote.

On August 30, 2018, Council approved the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County and the Austin-Travis County Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation for the operation and management of the Sobering Center.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 2 to the interlocal agreement with Travis County and Austin-Travis County Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation (LGC) for the operation and management of the Sobering Center. This amendment will exercise the first 12-month extension option and increase funding by \$721,836 for an annual amount of \$1,845,195, in line with the fourth year projection of the 10-year funding projection model.

Amendment No. 1 authorized Travis County to provide the LGC a one-time, non-interest-bearing loan in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 and did not require any funding from the City. The County issued the loan to cover operating expenses for the Sobering Center during a delayed reimbursement of grant funding to the LGC.

The term of this three party interlocal agreement began October 1, 2018, and it replaced a previous interlocal agreement between the City and the LGC that governed the establishment of the Sobering Center and the provision of limited services prior to the Sobering Center becoming fully operational.

The Sobering Center serves individuals who meet the legal definition of intoxication. Individuals may be referred and transported to the facility by law enforcement or emergency medical services. The LGC aims to enhance public health and public safety by providing an alternative to the emergency room and jail.