



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-3250, **Agenda Item #:** 14.

10/17/2019

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County to provide advocacy services for victims and survivors of sexual assault through the City's Sexual Assault Kit Initiative, in an amount not to exceed \$155,200.

Lead Department

Austin Police Department

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$155,200 is available from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance through the FY 2018 Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) Program Grant for a two-year period (October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2021).

Prior Council Action:

September 11, 2018 - Item #1 FY19 Budget Adoption

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will authorize the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County for advocacy services under the City of Austin Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) for a two-year period (October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2021).

Under this agreement, the Austin Police Department will reimburse Travis County for services in an amount not to exceed \$155,200, including fees and expenses.

The County will be responsible for hiring and supervising a full-time system-based advocate within the District Attorney's Office, with 100% of time dedicated to the SAKI Program. The advocate will work in partnership with prosecutors, sworn personnel, and local social service organizations to assist SAKI victims and survivors. Direct service hours will focus on trauma-informed care and include crisis intervention, personal advocacy, and information and referrals to help victims, survivors, and their families recover more quickly and completely from the effects of victimization (and revictimization).