



Recommendation for Action

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Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Capital Area Emergency Communications District (CAECD) to reimburse the City in the amount of \$6,000,000 for radio equipment and services purchased by the City to improve emergency communications for CAECD.

Lead Department

Communications and Technology Management

Fiscal Note

CAECD will reimburse City of Austin \$6,000,000.00 for purchasing radio equipment and services to improve emergency communications for CAECD. The Fiscal year 2019-2020 Capital Budget of Communications and Technology Management includes this item. CAECD will fully reimburse the City for all expenses.

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Additional Backup Information:

The Capital Area Emergency Communications District (CAECD) has identified three emergency communications projects that are priority items for CAECD. These projects will:

1. Add additional capabilities to the Austin/Travis County backup center that includes additional radio positions and radio system resiliency
2. Update the radio consoles for Burnet County Sheriff with additional capabilities to support their law enforcement operations
3. Add an additional radio tower site for Caldwell County that addresses coverage issues in western Caldwell County.

The City of Austin Wireless Communications Division has staff with experience overseeing radio projects, and CAECD wishes to take advantage of that expertise to ensure these projects are completed in a timely way.

This approach has the following advantages:

1. City of Austin will receive goods and services to increase the number of positions and add resiliency for the Austin/Travis County emergency communications backup center.
2. The Burnet County Sheriff radio consoles will be connected to the Greater Austin Travis County Regional Radio System (GATRRS). Involving City of Austin Wireless Communications Division team members in this effort will ensure everything is done following GATRRS standards.
3. The additional radio tower site for Caldwell County will be connected to the Greater Austin Travis County Regional Radio System (GATRRS). Involving City of Austin Wireless Communications Division team members in this effort will ensure everything is done following GATRRS standards.

These efforts have been reviewed and recommended by the CAECD Strategic Advisory Committee and the Board of Managers for CAECD. The funding for these efforts has been included in the FY2019-2020 and FY2020-2021 CEACD Budgets.