



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 19-3838, **Agenda Item #:** 34.

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to an interlocal agreement with Texas Department of State Health Services to provide an oversampling in Travis County for the Texas Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System to increase funding in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$475,000, and to extend the term from February 1, 2020 through August 31, 2024.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$75,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget. Funding for extension options is contingent upon the availability of funding in future budgets.

### **Prior Council Action:**

December 14, 2017 - Council approved an agreement with Texas Department of State Health Services to provide an oversampling in Travis County for the BRFSS for the term of November 1, 2017 through September 1, 2020.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The Texas Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) is an annual random-digit-dial telephone survey of adults residing in Texas conducted by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). The survey provides statewide estimates on a variety of behavioral risk factors and health conditions, including smoking prevalence, other indicators of tobacco use, nutrition, and physical activity. The 2020 BRFSS Survey will include 10,000 respondents for the State of Texas. With a geographic oversample of Travis County, the number of county residents who are surveyed increases to 948. The larger sample size for Travis County will provide more stable local estimates of prevalence of these risky behaviors, particularly by demographic characteristics, such as gender, age, race/ethnicity, and socioeconomic status. These estimates will be used to track local trends over time (from previous BRFSS Travis County oversamples) as well as compare against state and national estimates. These data are also reported in Imagine Austin Health Austin Priority Area 7.

This action will authorize an interlocal agreement with DSHS to conduct a BRFSS Survey oversample in Travis County for years 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

The term for collection of the 2020 BRFSS Survey will extend from February 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.

The term for collection of the 2021 BRFSS Survey will be November 1, 2020 through August 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.

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The term for collection of the 2022 BRFSS Survey will be November 1, 2021 through August 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.

The term for collection of the 2023 BRFSS Survey will be November 1, 2022 through August 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.

Implementation of the Travis County oversample for the BRFSS aligns with two strategies in Strategic Direction 2023 (also known as SD2023):

Health and the Environment Strategy 1: Promote healthy living and well-being with a particular focus on areas and communities with high rates of chronic disease and high-risk behaviors who lack access to services.

Health and the Environment Strategy 5: Incorporate health considerations into program and policy decision-making, taking into account the influence of race, income levels, education, and the built environment on health outcomes

Because agreement negotiations are not complete, the performance goals described are estimates and may be adjusted in scope and deadline as appropriate.

Deliverables:

1. Provide update at mid-point of data collection period to City regarding the total number of surveys completed in Travis County, including the number of surveys completed for 18- to 24-year-olds, the number of completed landline interviews, and the number of completed cell phone interviews by July 20, 2020
2. Submit invoice by September 3, 2020
3. Submit completed 2020 BRFSS survey results data file to City by August 31, 2021.