



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-1954, **Agenda Item #:** 75.

4/23/2020

Posting Language

Authorize execution of Amendment No. 4 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 to add \$33,000 in one-time funds, for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$8,537,139.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$33,000 is included in the FY 2019-2020 Austin Public Health Department's Operating budget.

Prior Council Action:

April 9, 2020, Council authorized execution of Amendment 3 to add a provision that permits the Local Government Corporation (LGC) to utilize the facility as an isolation or quarantine facility or for other related services as needed or requested during a disaster.

On September 19, 2019 Council authorized execution of Amendment No. 2 to the interlocal agreement for operation of the Sobering Center to add funding in an amount not to exceed \$721,836 for each twelve-month extension option beginning October 1, 2019 on a vote of 11-0.

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 a vote of 11-0.

On August 30, 2018, Council approved the negotiation and execution of a three-way interlocal agreement with Travis County and the Austin-Travis County Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation for the operation and management of the Sobering Center on a vote of 11-0.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize the execution of Amendment No. 4 to the interlocal agreement with Travis County and Austin-Travis County Sobriety Center LGC for the operation and management of the Sobering Center. This amendment adds \$33,000 in one-time funds, for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$8,537,139.

Amendment No. 3 added a provision to the interlocal that permits the LGC to utilize the facility as an isolation or quarantine facility, or for other related services as needed or requested during a disaster.

Amendment No. 2 increased funding by \$721,836 for an annual amount of \$1,845,195.

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 the three-way 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.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.