



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2438, **Agenda Item #:** 41.

7/29/2020

Posting Language

Authorize the execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with the Capital Area Council of Governments for the service and delivery of meals to the Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$367,134, for a total annual contract amount not to exceed \$367,134.

Lead Department

Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and consecutive fiscal years is contingent upon available funding in future Operating Budgets of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Prior Council Action:

January 23, 2014 - Council authorized the execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) for the service and delivery of congregate meals in the amount of \$110,500 on a 6-0 vote with Mayor Leffingwell absent.

September 9, 2013 - Council approved a motion to provide congregate meals to the Asian American Resource Center in the amount of \$70,000 and the Dove Spring Recreation Center in the amount of \$34,000 for a total amount of \$104,000 on a 5-1 vote with Mayor Leffingwell voting nay and Council Member Spelman off the dais.

June 27, 2013 - Council authorized the negotiation and execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with the CAPCOG for the service and delivery of congregate meals in an amount not to exceed \$104,000 on a 7-0 vote.

June 20, 2013 - Council approved Resolution No. 20130620-059, which directed the City Manager to present options for funding the congregate meals program through the end of the fiscal year and to determine if the following fiscal year's allocation could be increased to maintain current levels of service, on a 7-0 vote.

March 3, 2011 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement between the City and CAPCOG for the service and delivery of congregate meals to seven Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) supported facilities by Meals on Wheels on a 7-0 vote.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

June 24, 2020 - Unanimously approved by the Parks and Recreation Board.

Additional Backup Information:

The Parks and Recreation Department has a long history of managing the Senior Congregate Meal Program. In the spring of 2010, the Department made the decision to seek alternative ways to provide congregate meal service and delivery by providing the physical location for meal service at seven PARD community centers and by seeking a partner agency to administer, prepare, deliver and serve meals at PARD-supported locations.

With the 2011 Council action to negotiate and execute the interlocal agreement, PARD transitioned from the direct management of the program and CAPCOG assumed the management of the program. The transition of direct management of the program from PARD to CAPCOG supported a reduction in operating expenditures and redirected available resources to accomplishing PARD's core services.

On June 27, 2013, in order to address a gap in funding due to sequestration, the City Council approved the negotiation and execution of an amendment for an increase in an amount not to exceed \$104,000. Moreover, on September 9, 2013, the Council approved a motion to provide congregate meals at the Asian American Resource Center in the amount of \$70,000 and the Dove Springs Recreation Center in the amount of \$34,000 for an additional amount of \$104,000. The total combined funding equating to \$208,000.

PARD's partnership with CAPCOG in providing the meal services has been successful. Due to increased costs to provide the service, CAPCOG has requested a five percent rate increase. Additionally, in order to meet the needs of the Dove Springs senior community (and in direct response to the Commission on Senior's recommendation), PARD proposes to expand service days from two to five days weekly at Dove Springs. This expansion will provide uniform senior services to communities throughout Austin. Furthermore, PARD intends to offer the congregate meal program at the Turner Roberts Recreation Center and to transition the current contracted vendor-provided meal program at the Asian American Resource Center to the CAPCOG meal service program. Extensive discussions and planning have taken place with CAPCOG, Meals on Wheels and More (the meal provider) and the Asian American Resource Center Advisory Board to mitigate any challenges that may arise as a result of the transition from the current vendor to CAPCOG congregate meal service.

In response to the aforementioned requested Council actions, PARD will execute an amendment that includes the following:

- Increase funding by \$10,601.68 annually to provide increased funding that addresses the cost increases to provide the congregate meals service;
- Increase funding by \$7,754.88 for the addition of three service days at Dove Springs Recreation Center;
- Increase funding by \$56,276.94 for the addition of Turner Roberts Recreation Center and the Asian American Resource Center to CAPCOG congregate meal service program;
- Establish \$367,133.50 as the City's annual payment to CAPCOG and
- Require monthly invoicing by CAPCOG.

Moreover, PARD will seek competitive funding opportunities to draw additional funding for the congregate meal program. Any new funding, derived from PARD's additional efforts that can be appropriated to this effort, will become available without further action from City Council.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All, Economic Opportunity & Affordability, Health & Environment.