



## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 8 to the agreement with Sustainable Food Center for electronic benefits transfer technology and produce purchase incentives for farmers markets, adding two twelve-month extension options beginning October 1, 2020, each in an amount not to exceed \$77,003, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$897,180.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$77,003 is included in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Austin Public Health Department's Operating Budget.

### **Prior Council Action:**

April 7, 2016 - Council approved Amendment No.1 to increase funding in an amount not to exceed \$110,156, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$179,436 for the term of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016, with four 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$179,436 per renewal option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$897,180. on a vote of 10-0 with Council Member Zimmerman abstaining.

November 12, 2015 - Council approved a 12-month agreement with Sustainable Food Center beginning October 1, 2015 with four 12-month renewal options. on a vote of 10-0 with Council Member Zimmerman abstaining.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to ratify Amendment 1 to the agreement with Sustainable Food Center for electronic benefits transfer technology and produce purchase incentives for farmers markets, adding two twelve-month extension options beginning October 1, 2020 in an amount of \$77,003 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$639,576.

Amendment No. 7 exercised the fourth of four 12-month extension options beginning October 1, 2019 for \$77,003.

Amendment No. 6 exercised the third of four 12-month extension options beginning October 1, 2018 for \$77,003.

Amendment No. 5 added a 2.5% cost of living increase in the amount of \$1,878, which was approved by

Council in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

Amendment No. 4 exercised the second of four 12-month extension options beginning October 1, 2017 for \$75,125.

Amendment No. 3 added funds of \$75,125 for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Amendment No. 2 exercised the first of four 12-month extension options beginning October 1, 2016 for \$0.

Amendment No. 1 added funds in the amount of \$110,156 for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and to each of four extension options for a total amount not to exceed \$897,180.

The original agreement with Sustainable Food Center (SFC) was developed to provide vouchers that would double the dollar amount that persons receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) can spend on fruits and vegetables at SFC farmers markets. Eligible shoppers are provided a weekly dollar-for-dollar match in each program.

Sustainable Food Center is an Austin-based non-profit organization that cultivates a healthy community by strengthening the local food system and improving access to nutritious, affordable food. SFC operates the Double Up Food Bucks Program, which allows families and individuals who receive SNAP, Women, Infants, and Children Electronic Benefits Transfer fruit and vegetable benefits, and/or Farmers' Market Nutrition Program vouchers to double the dollar amount that they can spend on fruits and vegetables at SFC farmers markets. Eligible shoppers are provided a weekly dollar-for-dollar match in each program. Double Up Food Bucks is valid only for the purchase of fruits and vegetables.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment.