



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3490, **Agenda Item #:** 15.

11/12/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal grant agreement with Travis County to accept a grant from the County and establish responsibilities related to sharing the costs of responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lead Department

Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Fiscal Note

Funding in an amount not to exceed \$8,813,587.20 is available from Travis County.

Prior Council Action:

July 29, 2020 - City Council approved the execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County regarding the purchase of personal protective equipment, on a 10-0 vote, with Mayor Adler off the dais.

September 17, 2020 - City Council approved the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County for the purchase of Dupont Tyvek Suits as personal protective equipment, on a 11-0 vote.

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Additional Backup Information:

The City, through Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM), and Travis County seek to negotiate, execute, and possibly amend in the future, an interlocal grant agreement under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, chapter 791, Texas Government Code, for Travis County to provide a grant to the City. Under that grant the City would be a subrecipient of Travis County's Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) under the CARES Act, by which grant Travis County would share a portion of the City's costs for certain responses to the medical disaster resulting from a global pandemic caused by COVID-19 because they are beneficial or available to residents of Travis County.

Under this agreement, Travis County will initially provide a grant in an amount not to exceed \$8,813,587.20 to the City related to the costs of responding to the COVID-19 emergency. The term of the agreement will be from March 1, 2020 and will end on December 30, 2020. The funds of the agreement may go to, among other purposes, the operating cost of the Isolation Facilities, the set-up and operation costs of the Alternate Care Site at the Austin Convention Center, the costs associated with providing COVID-19 testing to the community, and the costs of providing personal protective equipment.

As the source of the funding the City will receive from Travis County is the CRF funding provided to County through its CARES Act allocation for public programs or initiatives authorized by the CARES Act, there will be restrictions on how the City may use the funds, including but not limited to, any use of the funds must be necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency caused by COVID-19, and the expenditures must not have been accounted for in the City's budget for its Fiscal Year ending on September

30, 2020.

The agreement will provide that it can be amended by staff to deal with additional costs incurred by the City, the categories of costs reimbursed, necessary documentation, needed extensions to the term of the agreement, or other amendments consistent with this Council authorization and related to the parties' response to COVID-19.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety, Health and Environment.