



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1358, **Agenda Item #:** 36.

3/4/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an educational program agreement with the University of Texas at Austin to permit the Austin Police Department Victims Services Division to accept social work interns from the University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work. Related to item# 35.

Lead Department

Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

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Additional Backup Information:

This interlocal agreement is a program agreement related to the educational affiliation agreement (also before Council). This program agreement will permit the Austin Police Department Victims Services Division to accept social work interns from the University of Texas at Austin. The City will furnish the premises, personnel services and all other items necessary for their work experience. The University will furnish students that meet prerequisites and will designate faculty to coordinate efforts with APD Victim Services.

The students interning with Victims Services will be working toward completing their Masters of Science in Social Work. Victim Services Counselors will supervise and work closely with the interns. The program offers structured, experiential learning opportunities for the interns and provides an opportunity for each to gain valuable clinical experience.

There are no costs or payments associated with the agreement, which allows for a 5-year term. APD Victim Services has hosted University of Texas interns for decades without a formal agreement, but both governing bodies determined it would be appropriate to have a formal agreement in place moving forward.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety