City of Austin

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Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1162, **Agenda Item #:** 47. 3/25/2021

Posting Language

Ratify Amendment No. 6 to an interlocal agreement with Austin Independent School District for the operation and maintenance of an integrated case management software system to track and reduce chronic absenteeism to add four 12-month extension options beginning February 1, 2021 each in an amount not to exceed $15,000, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed $150,000.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of $15,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Austin Public Health Department's Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

March 2, 2015- Council authorized the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Austin Independent School District on a 9-1 vote with Council Member Zimmerman voting nay and Council Member Gallo absent.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 6 to an interlocal agreement with Austin Independent School District (AISD) for the operation and maintenance of an integrated case management software system to track and reduce chronic absenteeism, to add four 12-month extension options beginning February 1, 2021 each in an amount not to exceed $15,000, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed $150,000.

Amendment No. 5 exercised the fifth 12-month extension option beginning February 1, 2020.

Amendment No. 4 exercised the fourth 12-month extension option beginning February 1, 2019.

Amendment No. 3 exercised the third 12-month extension option beginning February 1, 2018.

Amendment No. 2 exercised the second 12-month extension option beginning February 1, 2017.

Amendment No. 1 exercised the first 12-month extension option beginning February 1, 2016.

The original interlocal agreement with AISD was approved in an amount not to exceed $15,000 for a twelve-month term ending January 31, 2016, with five twelve-month renewal options each in an amount not to exceed $15,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed $90,000.

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Chronic absenteeism continues to be a major challenge for many students in the public school system, impeding student achievement and contributing to unacceptable dropout and high school completion rates. The Joint Subcommittees of the Austin Independent School District (AISD), the City of Austin (City), and Travis County (County) created joint task forces to address truancy and student mobility. One of the recommendations presented to the Joint Subcommittees in February 2010, was to develop an Integrated Case Management Software System Pilot Project to provide real time tracking of AISD student absenteeism, the impact of housing instability, and the effect of providing targeted services to high-risk children and their families.

The Joint Subcommittees approved a resolution in April 2010, directing staff to work together to implement the recommendations, including the software pilot program. Under this agreement, AISD used their purchasing process to obtain the software for the pilot program. The agreed upon estimated cost was not to exceed $48,000 for the initial purchase the first year, and $36,000 annually in two succeeding fiscal years for software infrastructure/maintenance costs, contingent upon successful outcomes and funds availability. The cost was allocated equally among the City, County, and AISD. The City and County participated in the development of the scope of work and the data element.

On December 19, 2014, a presentation was made to the Joint Subcommittees of AISD, City, and County to provide an update regarding the success of the integrated case management system at the Family Resource Centers. The Joint Subcommittee voted to continue funding the system in the amount of $15,000 from each party. In addition, the Joint Subcommittees approved a recommendation that each party would integrate sustaining funds into their annual budgeting process in the amount of $15,000 per party.

The Parties will coordinate efforts in data gathering and sharing under this interlocal agreement throughout the term with the intent to maximize the results of the services performed and information analyzed.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.

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