



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3505, **Agenda Item #:** 40.

12/2/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 6 to the agreement with Travis County and the Austin/Travis County Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation to add one-time funding in an amount not to exceed \$131,328 for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2022 and \$64,150 for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2023, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$8,796,767.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$131,328 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget. Funding for the remaining terms is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Prior Council Action:

October 15, 2020 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 5 to the agreement with the Austin-Travis County Sobering Center Local Government Corporation to exercise the second 12-month extension option in the amount of \$1,909,345 for the 12-month term ending September 30, 2021, with a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$8,696,589, on an 11-0 vote.

April 23, 2020 - Council authorized execution of Amendment No. 4 to the interlocal agreement between the City, Travis County, and the Austin-Travis County Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation for the operation and management of the Sobering Center to add \$33,000 in one-time funds, for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$8,537,139, on an 11-0 vote.

April 9, 2020 - Council authorized execution of Amendment No. 3 to add a provision that permits the Local Government Corporation to utilize the facility as an isolation or quarantine facility or for other related services as needed or requested during a disaster, on an 11-0 vote.

September 19, 2019 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 2 to the interlocal agreement between the City, Travis County, and the Austin-Travis County Sobering Center Local Government Corporation for the operation and management of the Sobering Center, adding funding in an amount not to exceed \$721,836 for each twelve-month extension option beginning October 1, 2019, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$8,504,139, on an 11-0 vote.

August 22, 2019 - Council authorized execution of Amendment No. 1 to the interlocal agreement for operation of the Sobering Center, allowing Travis County to provide the Local Government Corporation a one-time, non-interest-bearing loan in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, on an 11-0 vote.

August 30, 2018 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Austin-Travis County Sobering Center Local Government Corporation and Travis County for operation by the Local Government Corporation of the Sobering Center in an amount not to exceed \$1,123,359 for the 12-month period beginning October 1, 2018, with up to four 12-month extension options not to exceed \$1,123,359 per extension option, for a total amount not to exceed \$5,616,795, on an 11-0 vote.

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Additional Backup Information:

The term of the three-way interlocal agreement (agreement) between the City, Travis County, and the Austin/Travis County Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation (Local Government Corporation) began October 1, 2018, and it replaced a previous interlocal agreement between the City and the Local Government Corporation that governed the establishment of the Sobering Center and the provision of limited services prior to the Sobering Center becoming fully operational.

The Sobering Center serves individuals who meet the legal definition of intoxication. Individuals may be referred and transported to the facility by law enforcement or emergency medical services. The Local Government Corporation aims to enhance public health and public safety by providing an alternative to the emergency room and jail.

Amendment No. 5 to the agreement authorized the execution of Amendment No. 5, which added \$64,150 in one-time funds.

Amendment No. 4 to the agreement authorized the execution of Amendment No. 4, which added \$33,000 in one-time funds.

Amendment No. 3 to the agreement added a provision that permits the Local Government Corporation to utilize the facility as an isolation or quarantine facility, or for other related services as needed or requested during a disaster.

Amendment No. 2 to the agreement increased funding by \$721,836.

Amendment No. 1 to the agreement authorized Travis County to provide the Local Government Corporation a one-time, non-interest-bearing loan in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 and did not require any funding from the City. The County issued the loan to cover operating expenses for the Sobering Center during a delayed reimbursement of grant funding to the Local Government Corporation.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.