

City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2608, Agenda Item #: 186.

7/28/2022

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of professional services agreements related to the binding interest arbitration proceeding between the City and the Austin Firefighters Association, including legal services with Dykema Gossett PLLC, consulting services with Gallagher Benefits Services, Inc. and PFM Group Consulting LLC, and arbitration services with Ogletree Deakins, in the aggregate amount not to exceed \$775,000.

Lead Department

Law Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$775,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of the Support Services Fund.

For More Information:

Lee Crawford, Law Department Division Chief, 512-974-2421.

Additional Backup Information:

These contracts will provide legal representation services, consulting expert services, and arbitration services for the binding interest arbitration proceeding initiated by the Austin Firefighters Association. The not-to-exceed amounts for each of these contracts are:

- Dykema Gossett PLLC \$350,000
- Gallagher Benefits Services, Inc. \$175,000
- PFM Group Consulting LLC \$110,000
- Ogletree Deakins \$140,000

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.