



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 22-2845, Agenda Item #: 33.**

**9/15/2022**

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 7 to an interlocal agreement with Austin-Travis County and the Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation for the operation and management of the Sobering Center, to add funding in an amount not to exceed \$67,178 for the term beginning October 1, 2022, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$8,863,945.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$67,178 is included in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

### **Prior Council Action:**

December 2, 2021 - Council authorized the negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 6 to the interlocal agreement with Travis County and the Austin-Travis County Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation, on an 11-0 vote.

October 15, 2020 - Council authorized the negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 5 to the interlocal agreement with the Austin-Travis County Sobering Center Local Government Corporation, on an 11-0 vote.

April 23, 2020 - Council authorized the execution of Amendment No. 4 to the interlocal agreement with Travis County and the Austin-Travis County Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation, on an 11-0 vote.

April 9, 2020 - Council authorized the execution of Amendment No. 3 to the interlocal agreement with Travis County and the Austin-Travis County Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation, on an 11-0 vote.

September 19, 2019 - Council authorized the negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 2 to the interlocal agreement with Travis County and the Austin-Travis County Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation, on an 11-0 vote.

August 22, 2019 - Council authorized the execution of Amendment No. 1 to the interlocal agreement with Travis County and the Austin-Travis County Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation, on an 11-0 vote.

August 30, 2018 - Council authorized the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Austin-Travis County Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation and Travis County, on an 11-0 vote.

September 22, 2016 - Council approved Resolution No. 20160922-020 creating the Austin-Travis County Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation under Subchapter D, Chapter 431, Texas Transportation Code; approving and adopting the corporation's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws; and appointing initial directors, on an 8-0 vote with Council Member Zimmerman abstaining, Council Member Casar off the dais, and Council Member Troxclair absent.

**For More Information:**

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**Additional Backup Information:**

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 LGC aims to enhance public health and public safety by providing an alternative to the emergency room and jail.

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

Amendment No. 6 exercised the third extension option to add one-time funding in the amount of \$131,328 to the LGC's budget of \$1,845,195, for an updated total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,976,523.

Amendment No. 5 exercised the second extension option to add one-time funding in the amount of \$64,150 to the LGC's budget of \$1,845,195, for an updated total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,909,345.

Amendment No. 4 added \$33,000 for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 contract.

Amendment No. 3 adjusted operations to allow the use of the Sobering Center location to serve the community by providing shelter services, quarantine services or other services as needed or requested in the community, and by providing beds and medical assistance during the disaster.

Amendment No. 2 exercised the first extension option to add additional funds in the amount of \$721,836 to the LGC's budget of \$1,123,359 for each twelve-month extension option for the period beginning October 1, 2019 and add three additional 12-month extension, for an updated total agreement amount not to exceed \$8,504,139.

Amendment No. 1 authorized the County to provide the LGC a one-time, non-interest-bearing loan in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. The County issued the loan to cover operating expenses for the Sobering Center during a delayed reimbursement of grant funding to the LGC. This was not City funding and is not included in the agreement amount.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment.