



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-3356, **Agenda Item #:** 73.

11/3/2022

Posting Language:

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal grant agreement with Travis County to accept a grant from the County and establish responsibilities related to sharing the costs of responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lead Department:

Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Fiscal Note:

Funding in an amount not to exceed \$15,450,555 is available from Travis County.

Prior Council Action:

November 12, 2020 - Council approved the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County for COVID-19 expenses. Council approved on consent on a 10-0 vote with Mayor Adler absent.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The City, through Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM), and Travis County seek to negotiate, execute, and possibly amend in the future, an interlocal grant agreement under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, chapter 791, Texas Government Code, for Travis County to provide a grant to the City. Under that grant the City would be a subrecipient of Travis County's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) under the American Rescue Plan, by which grant Travis County would share a portion of the City's costs for certain responses to the public health and medical disaster resulting from a global pandemic caused by COVID-19 because they are beneficial or available to residents of Travis County.

Under this agreement, Travis County will initially provide a grant in an amount not to exceed \$20,400,000 to the City related to the costs of responding to the COVID-19 emergency. The term of the agreement will be from March 3, 2021 and will end on December 31, 2023. The funds of the agreement may go to COVID_19 public health and emergency response costs.

Travis County will use SLFRF funding provided through the American Rescue Plan to reimburse the City. There will be restrictions on how the City may use the funds, including but not limited to, any use of the funds must be necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency caused by COVID-19, and the expenditures must not have been accounted for in the City's budget for its Fiscal Year ending on September 30, 2022.

Staff have the ability to deal with additional costs incurred by the City, the categories of costs reimbursed, necessary documentation, needed extensions to the term of the agreement, or other amendments consistent with this Council authorization and related to the parties' response to COVID-19.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety, Health and Environment, Government that Works for All.