



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1042, **Agenda Item #:** 31.

2/9/2023

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 2 to the interlocal agreement with Travis County for job readiness training and summer employment for youth ages 14 to 21, to add one-time funding in an amount not to exceed \$269,480, for a revised total amount not to exceed \$2,498,210.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$269,480 is included in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Austin Public Health Department Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund.

Prior Council Action:

October 15, 2020 - Council ratified an interlocal agreement with Travis County for the Summer Youth Employment Program, on an 11-0 vote.

April 23, 2020 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County for the Summer Youth Employment Program, on an 11-0 vote.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will provide job readiness training and summer employment for youth ages 14 to 21 in collaboration with public sector employers and community-based organizations through the Summer Youth Employment Program, operated by Travis County. It provides opportunities for youth development through meaningful work experiences that promote economic self-sufficiency, good citizenship, and healthy lifestyles, with a special emphasis on high-risk youth and youth with disabilities. Youth are trained in career exploration and job readiness skills, conflict resolution, personal health and environmental awareness, and other employment-related issues.

This action will provide a one-time increase in funding for a second 12-month renewal term beginning October 1, 2022, from the initial authorized amount of \$371,455 to \$614,480. The additional one-time funds of \$269,480 was approved by City Council on August 17, 2022 through a Budget Rider from Council Member Tovo, on a 10-1 vote with Council Member Kelly voting nay.

Travis County will also be increasing its contribution to the agreement for the term to increase the hourly wage from \$7.25 to \$13.00 for the youth participants.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.