



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1535, **Agenda Item #:** 39.

3/23/2023

Posting Language

Authorize increases to 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 PFM Group Consulting LLC, and arbitration services with Ogletree Deakins, in the aggregate amount not to exceed \$390,000.00, for a total contract amount for all three agreements not to exceed \$1,015,000.00.

Lead Department

Law Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$390,000.00 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of the Support Services Fund.

Prior Council Action:

July 28, 2022 - Council approved agreements with these firms in the aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$625,000.00 (Item #186).

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

These contracts provide legal representation services, consulting expert services, and arbitration services for the binding interest arbitration proceeding initiated by the Austin Firefighters Association. The original contract amounts and increases for each of these contracts are:

	Original Contract Amount	Amount of this Increase	Total Contract Amount
Dykema Gossett PLLC	\$375,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$675,000.00
PFM Group Consulting LLC	\$110,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$140,000.00
Ogletree Deakins	\$140,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$200,000.00

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.