



## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission for the Community Partner Program to help residents apply electronically for program benefits through the Your Texas Benefits website for a four-year term.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **Prior Council Action:**

November 15, 2018 - Council authorized the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Health and Human Services Commission, on a 10-0 vote with Mayor Pro Tem Tovo off the dais.

September 22, 2016 - Council authorized the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Health and Human Services Commission, 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 Texas Health and Human Services Commission offers a Community Partner Program, through which eligible entities can provide residents online community-based application assistance for SNAP, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Medicaid, Long-term Care Services, and the Children's Health Insurance Program. The City's neighborhood centers currently provide basic needs services to residents, including emergency food, case management, and preventive health services. Participation in the Community Partner Program will help reduce barriers to SNAP enrollment and other Health and Human Services Commission benefit programs.

### **Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment.