



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 23-1783, Agenda Item #: 34.**

**5/18/2023**

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Leander Independent School District for the provision of startup costs for a new pre-kindergarten classroom, for a four-month term in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$16,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

### **Prior Council Action:**

June 16, 2022 - Council authorized execution of an interlocal agreement with Austin Independent School District (AISD) to expand access to no-cost full-day pre-kindergarten for three-year-old students residing within AISD's boundary through December 31, 2024, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$902,075, on an 11-0 vote.

June 9, 2022 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Leander Independent School District for the provision of start-up costs for a new Pre-Kindergarten classroom, to expand affordable high quality early care and education options for Austin and Travis County residents, for a three-month term in an amount not to exceed \$16,000, on an 11-0 vote.

September 2, 2021 - Council authorized execution of an interlocal agreement with Del Valle Independent School District for the provision of startup costs to expand access to Dual Language Pre-Kindergarten programs for Austin/Travis County families residing within the district's school boundary who do not meet state eligibility requirements for state publicly funded Pre-K, on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Alter absent.

June 3, 2021 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Pflugerville Independent School District for the provision of startup costs for one new Pre-Kindergarten classroom to expand affordable high-quality early childcare options for Austin/Travis County residents, on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Kelly absent.

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### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

April 11, 2018 - The Early Childhood Council recommended all items for Council consideration developed by the work group responding to Resolution No. 20170928-057, which included direction to, "Leverage up to \$112,000 in State funding per classroom per year by investing in one-time startup costs associated with setting up new Pre-K 3 classrooms, including up to eight classrooms in Austin Independent School District and up to 3

classrooms in Pflugerville Independent School District,” on a 7-0 vote.

**Additional Backup Information:**

On September 28, 2017, Council approved Resolution No. 20170928-057 which directed the compilation of information related to community data, equity gaps, and potential policies and resources that could provide opportunities to expand existing affordable high quality childcare services and access to Pre-K programs. One of the twelve deliverables was to consider the availability of Pre-K programs and provide funding options for start-up costs to expand Pre-K programs in the Austin Independent School District and surrounding school districts that enroll Austin children.

This \$16,000 investment covers the start-up costs for a new Pre-K classroom. Leander Independent School District will purchase materials for a newly opened Pre-K classroom serving three-year old children. The school district will draw down \$3,600 in Average Daily Attendance (ADA) funding from the State for each student served who qualifies for free public Pre-K in the new classrooms, to cover teacher salaries.

Investing in Pre-K is aligned with the community’s Success By 6 Strategic Plan for Austin/Travis County for 2019-2023, which includes the following strategies for Early Childhood Education related to Pre-K:

- Increase the number of eligible three and four-year old children enrolled in Public Pre-K in Travis County school districts and other high quality early education settings.