



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2126, **Agenda Item #:** 99.

7/20/2023

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Texas Department of State Health Services for remote certification of vital records for a five-year term beginning September 1, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$125,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget. Funding for the remaining terms is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Prior Council Action:

August 23, 2018 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Texas Department of State Health Services for remote certification of vital records for a five-year term beginning September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000, on an 11-0 vote.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this interlocal agreement will allow Austin Public Health, Office of Vital Records (OVR) continued access to the vital records database maintained by the Texas Department of State Health Services (or DSHS). The OVR provides certified copies of birth certificates for individuals born in Texas.

The birth certificates issued via this database employ a State-mandated security format that helps prevent identity theft and other types of fraud by restricting personal information printed on the birth certificate. The OVR has been successfully using this database since 1997.

Based on the current usage, the OVR estimates that it will use the database to access and print approximately 10,000 birth certificates during Fiscal Year 2023-2024.