



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2829, Agenda Item #: 71.

9/14/2023

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston to provide evaluation services for the Fresh for Less Healthy Food Access Projects in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for the term of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, with four 12-month extension options each in the amount of \$20,000, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$20,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget. Funding for the remaining terms is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Prior Council Action:

January 31, 2019 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston to provide evaluation services for the Fresh for Less Healthy Food Access projects, on a 10-0 vote.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to continue to contract with University of Texas Health Science Center for the purpose of evaluating Austin Public Health's Fresh for Less Healthy Food Access programs. These evaluations will consist of qualitative and quantitative analysis to support Austin Public Health in gauging and improving outcomes of the healthy food access initiatives. Data collected and analyzed by University of Texas Health Science Center will be used to inform new and current efforts aimed at promoting the increased availability, affordability, purchase and consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables, with a focus on communities facing barriers to fresh food access.