



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2930, **Agenda Item #:** 73.

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Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 9 to an interlocal agreement with Travis County and the Austin-Travis County Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation d/b/a the Sobering Center, for the operation and management of the Sobering Center, to add one six-month extension option beginning October 1, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$1,251,395, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$10,418,753.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$1,251,395 is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

January 26, 2023 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 8 to an interlocal agreement with Austin-Travis County and the Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation, on an 11-0 vote.

September 15, 2022 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 7 to an interlocal agreement with Austin-Travis County and the Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation, on an 11-0 vote.

December 2, 2021 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 6 to the agreement with Travis County and the Austin-Travis County Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation, on an 11-0 vote.

October 15, 2020 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 5 to the agreement with the Austin-Travis County Sobering Center Local Government Corporation, on an 11-0 vote.

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Additional Backup Information:

The Sobering Center serves individuals who meet the legal definition of intoxication. The Austin-Travis County Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation d/b/a the Sobering Center (LGC) aims to enhance public health and public safety by providing an alternative to the emergency room and jail whereby individuals are referred and transported to the facility by law enforcement or emergency medical services. This amendment will bring the funding amount for the six-month term through March 30, 2024, to \$1,176,895. All amendments are listed below:

Amendment No. 8 added one-time funds in the amount of \$303,413 for the 12-month period ending on September 30, 2023.

Amendment No. 7 exercised the fourth extension option in the amount of \$2,046,936 for the 12-month period ending on September 30, 2023.

Amendment No. 6 exercised the third extension option in the amount of \$131,328.

Amendment No. 5 exercised the second extension option in the amount of \$64,150.

Amendment No. 4 amended the agreement to add \$33,000 to the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 term.

Amendment No. 3 amended the agreement to adjust operations by providing beds and medical assistance during the declared state of disaster (COVID-19).

Amendment No. 2 exercised the first extension option in the amount of \$721,836.

Amendment No. 1 authorized a one-time, non-interest-bearing loan in the amount of \$100,000 from Travis County to the LGC for operating expenses during a delayed reimbursement of grant funding. This was not City funding and is not included in the agreement amount.

The original term of the three-way interlocal agreement between the City, Travis County, and the LGC began on October 1, 2018, and replaced a previous interlocal agreement between the City and the LGC that governed the establishment of the Sobering Center and the provision of limited services prior to the Sobering Center becoming fully operational.