



Recommendation for Action

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Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) to provide funding in support of CAPCOG's role in regional coordination of air quality program activities, including, air quality monitoring, Central Texas Clean Air Coalition coordination, outreach activities, air quality planning, data collection and analysis, for a 12-month term in an amount not to exceed \$160,000, with two additional 12-month terms for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$480,000.

Lead Department

Office of Sustainability.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$105,231 is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 operational budget for Austin Transportation and Public Works Department. Funding for the remaining years of the Agreement is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Prior Council Action:

May 24, 2012: Council approved resolution No. 20120524-077 to evaluate and provide recommendations for a comprehensive air quality program.

March 21, 2013: Attached to item 52, a council briefing recommended financial support for long term and regional planning.

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Additional Backup Information:

The City of Austin has participated in Central Texas Clean Air Coalition coordination since 2002, and as of 2012, has provided funding to CAPCOG in support of their role in regional coordination of air quality program activities that are not covered by state or federal funding. CAPCOG is expected to receive \$1,332,082 for the FY 2024-2025 biennium, which represents 74% of the funding needed for CAPCOG's air quality work plan.

The activities currently eligible for state or federal funding include ground-level ozone (O3) monitoring and emissions inventory research; and fine particulate matter (PM2.5) monitoring, emissions inventory research, modeling, and data analysis. However, state funds cannot be used for other important work plan tasks, such as coordination of the CAC, Outreach & Education, or an annual report.

The funding will allow CAPCOG to complete the following work plan tasks:

- Clean Air Coalition support
- Technical assistance to CAC members to implement emission reduction measures
- Outreach and education activities
- Annual air quality report

- Ozone monitoring
- Monitoring data analysis
- Emissions, control strategy, and air quality modeling analysis
- Other studies and planning activities.