



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-3435, **Agenda Item #:** 52.

12/14/2023

Posting Language

Ratify an interlocal agreement with Travis County for the City's provision of food shopping and delivery services to Women, Infants, and Children families in Travis County for an initial 15-month term ending on September 30, 2023, with one 12-month renewal option ending on September 30, 2024, each in an estimated total amount of \$180,755 to be paid to the City.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding was available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of Austin Public Health.

Prior Council Action:

February 17, 2022- Council authorized negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County for the City's provision of food shopping and delivery services to Women, Infants, and Children families in Travis County in an amount not to exceed \$180,755 to be paid to the City, for an initial 12-month term and one additional 12-month renewal option ending on December 31, 2023, on an 11-0 vote.

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will ratify the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County for a term longer than what was originally approved by Council for the Austin Public Health Department (APH) Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program, to provide WIC families shopping and delivery services for Travis County residents who have previously received WIC benefits and are experiencing circumstances that prevent them from safely going to the grocery store in-person to buy food, which will further the achievement of a public purpose.

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children is a preventative federal program that targets women and children earning below 185% of the federal poverty level and provides nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and nutritious foods to pregnant women, infants, and children up to age five.

On February 17, 2022, Council approved an initial 12-month term ending on December 31, 2023, with one 12-month renewal option ending on December 31, 2024, after which the parties continued negotiating and eventually executed an interlocal agreement with an updated term that included an initial 15-month term ending on September 30, 2023, with one 12-month renewal option ending on September 30, 2024. This ratification to the interlocal agreement would update the term.

