City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-3964, **Agenda Item #:** 15.   2/15/2024

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to an interlocal agreement with Texas A&M Engineering Extension Services to allow an additional 35 participants to attend the Enhanced All-Hazards Incident Management/Unified Command MGT314 training course for an amount not to exceed $150,000.

Lead Department

Homeland Security Emergency Management (HSEM).

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact. It will be funded with funds from the 2023 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant.

Prior Council Action:

August 31, 2023 - Council authorized the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Texas A&M Engineering Extension Services.

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Additional Backup Information:

This amendment will permit the City to send an additional 35 attendees to the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Services (TEEX) course "The Enhanced Incident Management/Unified Command for All Hazards." This course focuses on incident management skills, staff responsibilities, and the related situational awareness skills using a computer-driven training simulation designed to create a challenging decision-making environment in an expanding complex incident. This course will give participants the opportunity to learn the processes used in an incident command post and to participate in decision-making. Training a swath of participants across the City and Travis County will provide a team that can meet at the Emergency Operations Center during an incident and understand the framework and best practices that Homeland Security Emergency Management uses to respond for the health and safety of our citizens.

The City was recently awarded a 2023 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant which included $150,000 to fund an additional 35 City employees, elected officials, and/or jurisdictional and nonprofit partners to attend this TEEX training course.