



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-4007, **Agenda Item #:** 11.

2/29/2024

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Capital Area Emergency Communications District to reimburse the City for expenses related to the property lease and operational costs for the 9-1-1 back-up center.

Lead Department

Communications and Technology Management.

Fiscal Note

Annual reimbursement revenue is estimated to be \$160,000.

Prior Council Action:

The Council previously has approved collaboration with the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) and the Capital Area Emergency Communications District (CAECD) for use of lease space and operation of a 9-1-1 Back-Up Center (BUC). Over time, there have been various improvements and upgrades to the BUC. On December 5, 2019, Council authorized negotiation and execution of an ILA with the Capital Area Emergency Communications District (CAECD) to reimburse the City in the amount of \$6,000,000 for radio equipment and services purchased by the City to improve emergency communications for CAECD, which included City and CAECD dispatch consoles and other radio system improvements at the BUC.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The Capital Area Emergency Communications District (CAECD) is responsible for the 9-1-1 call handling system used throughout the 10-county region served by CAPCOG. To support continuity of operations for City of Austin and Travis County 9-1-1 call handling operations, CAECD has made space available for City of Austin and Travis County to use as a Backup Center (BUC). City has invested in technology assets at the BUC and in the past CAECD has reimbursed City for some of these expenses. Each reimbursement has required a separate interlocal agreement for every expense that CAECD agrees to reimburse. This agreement will allow, through a mutually agreed upon invoicing process, City to invoice CAECD for BUC expenses that CAECD agrees to reimburse. Having this interlocal agreement in place will save processing time for City and for CAECD by reducing the need for a separate interlocal agreement to be created for each expense that CAECD will reimburse.