City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 26-2975, **Agenda Item #:** 18. 11/19/2026

Posting Language
Authorize an amendment to a contract for continued media production training and public access facilities management, including management of the City's public access television assets, community media production facility, and workforce training, for Austin Arts, Culture, Music, and Entertainment with Film Society of Austin Inc. d/b/a Austin Film Society, to increase the amount by $1,225,000 for a revised total contract amount not to exceed $5,928,000. Funding: $1,225,000 is available in the Operating Budget of Austin Arts, Culture, Music, and Entertainment.

Lead Department
Austin Financial Services.

Client Department(s)
Austin Arts, Culture, Music, & Entertainment.

Fiscal Note
Funding in the amount of $1,225,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating Budget of Austin Arts, Culture, Music, & Entertainment.

Procurement Language:
Contract Amendment.

MBE/WBE:
This contract was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the services required under this contract, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

Prior Council Action:
August 26, 2021 - Council approved a contract for Media Production Training & Public Access Facilities Management with Film Society of Austin Inc. d/b/a Austin Film Society.

For More Information:
Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to Austin Financial Services - Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500.

Additional Backup Information:
The contract provides management of the City's public access television assets, including its community media production facility, video production equipment, programming, and training. It also supports workforce development in Austin's creative sector through occupational and non-degree certification training that creates pathways to employment.

This request is for additional funding authority to continue existing services while the City completes the procurement process for a replacement contract. If the request is not approved, services could be interrupted, which could jeopardize the continued cablecast of public access channels and the City's ability to meet applicable programming requirements under the Texas Utilities Code, Title 2, Public Utility Regulatory Act, Subtitle C, Chapter 66.

Contract Details:

Contract Term	Length of Term	Contract Authorization	Requested Additional Authorization	Revised Total Authorization
Initial Term	5 years	$4,625,000		$4,625,000
Contract Amendment	1 year	$78,000		$78,000
Proposed Amendment			$1,225,000	$1,225,000
Total	**6 years**	**$4,703,000**	**$1,225,000**	**$5,928,000**

Note: Contract authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage and may be more or less in the initial term and in each exercised optional extension; however, the total contract amount will not exceed $5,928,000.

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