



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-5799, **Agenda Item #:** 18.

10/10/2024

Posting Language

Authorize execution of professional services agreements with Focused Advocacy, LLC; Nora Del Bosque; Cliff Johnson; Ross Peavey; Jaclyn Uresti; Clayton Pope; Public Blueprint, LLC; and Russell T. Kelley, d/b/a Blackridge, to provide state agency and legislative representation, and with CapitalEdge Strategies LLC to provide federal agency and legislative representation and consulting services for two-year terms for a total amount not to exceed \$888,000 divided among the firms.

Lead Department

Intergovernmental Relations Office.

Fiscal Note:

Funding in the amount of \$888,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Intergovernmental Relations Office operating budget and in the operating budgets of other departments.

For More Information:

Rick Ramirez, Interim Intergovernmental Relations Officer, 737-218-3668.

Additional Backup Information:

The purpose of these contracts is to provide consulting and other professional services to serve the City's interests during the 89th Interim State Legislative Session, 119th Congressional Session, and any special called state and federal sessions. The contractors will provide advice to the City and will be responsible for assisting the City's efforts before the legislature and Congress and for selected related activities requiring additional action, such as communicating with state and federal agencies. The consultants will be in a position to advance the interests of the City in legislation and to influence the legislative process.