



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1045, **Agenda Item #:** 63.

6/5/2025

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the contract with Kaplan Kirsch LLP for legal services related to airline consortium contracts and other general airport law advice in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$360,000. Funding: \$100,000 is available in the Aviation Department's Operating Budget.

Lead Department

Law Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operating Budget of the Department of Aviation.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

Kaplan Kirsch LLP (Firm) is the largest dedicated airport law practice firm in the country with experience at more than 100 airports nationwide. Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS) faces unique challenges and this amendment will allow Aviation and Law staff to have access to unique and expert legal advice in a quick and efficient manner. The Firm will provide legal consulting services regarding federal laws and regulations, grant assurances, and grant funding requirements, including changes to the grant assurance and agreement templates from the new FAA administration. Additional funding is requested to meet the unique and additional challenges faced by AUS.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.