



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-5384, Agenda Item #: 9.

9/12/2024

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with WorkSource Greater Austin Area Workforce Board d/b/a Workforce Solutions - Capital Area Workforce Board to provide childcare quality improvement services and direct childcare services, for a 12-month term in an amount not to exceed \$1,174,121, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$1,118,210 each, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$5,646,961.

Lead Department

Economic Development.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$1,118,210 is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operating Budget of the Economic Development Department, and \$55,911 in one-time funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Prior Council Action:

Council approved the original 12-month agreement on August 18, 2016. Council approved Amendment 1 on December 15, 2016; Amendment 2 on April 6, 2017; Amendment 4 on February 15, 2018; Amendment 8 on September 2, 2021; Amendment 10 on August 31, 2023; and Amendment 11 on March 21, 2024.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

In 2016, the City entered into an interlocal agreement with Workforce Solutions - Capital Area Workforce Board (WFS) for the Quality Child Care Collaborative (QC3). This Council action will continue this work with a new interlocal agreement. The goal of QC3 is to increase the capacity of accessible and affordable high-quality childcare for families in Austin and Travis County. This goal is accomplished by:

1. Increasing the accessibility of high-quality childcare services for income eligible families by supporting the Texas Rising Star Program framework;
2. Increasing the quality of childcare in the community by assisting early learning programs to achieve and retain Texas Rising Star (TRS) certification and /or attain national accreditation. This includes supporting the childcare workforce with premium pay stipends (Jeannette Watson wage supplements); and
3. Ensuring continuity of childcare services for income eligible families in Travis County by serving as a temporary bridge for families who face disruption of childcare, or by serving as a starting scholarship when Federal funding is unavailable.