



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 25-0517, **Agenda Item #:** 18.

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### **Posting Language**

Ratify a contract with The University of Texas Archeological Research Laboratory in the amount of \$11,041 to provide for curation and storage services for artifactual material recovered from the Old Bakery & Emporium. Funding: \$11,041 is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operating Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

### **Lead Department**

Parks and Recreation Department.

### **Client Department(s)**

Parks and Recreation Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$11,041 is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operating Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Ratification.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

This contract requires The University of Texas Archeological Research Laboratory (TARL) to provide curation and storage services for artifactual material recovered from the Old Bakery & Emporium. These artifacts were recovered during archaeological excavations of the Old City Bakery in 1983 and were returned to the Parks and Recreation Department (PARL) in the 1990s. PARL identified TARL as the repository of choice for the curation and accession of this collection because of its proximity to the site and certification status. Before it can be curated, the collection must be inventoried and prepared to repository standards and TARL has the capability to both curate and store the artifacts in accordance with certified archaeological standards. Through this process, PARL will be able to determine which artifacts could be loaned and/or incorporated into future exhibits at the Old Bakery.

PARL initially believed an interlocal agreement (ILA) with TARL was not necessary and the parties executed an Entity Cooperation Contract, which did not require Council approval. However, it was subsequently determined that an ILA is needed and because the previously-executed Entity Cooperation Contract satisfies all legal requirements of an ILA, PARL requests that Council ratify it.

### **Contract Detail:**

Contract term is from effective date to August 31, 2025.  
Requested authorization amount is \$11,041.

