City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

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Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Austin Independent School District to contribute up to $100,000 from fees collected by the City from Austin's cable providers for the purchase of equipment necessary for the operation of the Austin Independent School District educational access channel. Funding: $100,000 is available in the Operating Budget of the Austin Financial Services.

Lead Department

Austin Financial Services.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of $100,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Operating Budget of the Austin Financial Services.

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Additional Backup Information:

In accordance with each cable company's state-issued franchise, the City of Austin receives fees from each cable provider serving the Austin area to pay for capital expenses related to the operations of Austin's public, educational, and governmental (PEG) access television channels. The annual PEG fee contribution from the cable providers is currently $1 million.

Staff is seeking to execute an interlocal agreement with Austin Independent School District (AISD) for the allocation up to $100,00 towards the AISD PEG equipment purchase. AISD operates and manages one of Austin's two educational access channels and has presented $100,000 in capital equipment needs to the City for video production equipment. The new equipment will allow encoding for YouTube, Facebook, and Vimeo live streaming along with sending feed to the AISD master control room and other equipment to enhance video production. The entire purchase will be directed by AISD to ensure that all equipment is compatible with required uses and AISD will cover any remaining costs.

This contribution helps ensure the ongoing cablecasting of school board meetings and district events and will help provide live programming capability at all the AISD facilities to host live events and meetings.