



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 24-4962, **Agenda Item #:** 71.

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County for the provision of security services at the Austin Public Library for an initial 12-month term in the amount of \$40,000, with up to four 12-month renewal options, each in the amount of \$40,000, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$200,000.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Library.

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The Austin Public Library hires Travis County Peace Officers to assist with library security. Part of their assignment involves having a Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) vehicle parked at the library location where a peace officer is assigned to work.

The Austin Public Library's Central Library, as well as its neighborhood branches, experience serious safety-and/or security-related incidents daily. The nature of these incidents has grown increasingly worse, including the destruction of property, threats, violence (physical attacks against employees and customers), weapons, theft, and the possession and/or use of drugs or alcohol, which has led to the need for increased safety and security measures.

Approval of this item will authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County for the use of TCSO vehicles as part of the provision of security services at various library locations.