



El Paso County Agenda Item Details

Item Title: Economic Development - Third Amendment to HFFI Agreement with UT Health (2025-0204)

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Department: Economic Development Department

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Subject: Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the third amendment to the Healthy Food Financing Initiative interlocal agreement with UT Health. No additional funds are required. (Contract No. 2025-0204)

Background: **Amendment Justification:** This amendment makes minor adjustments to the project budget line items to correct an issue with the previous indirect calculation without making a modification to the overall award amount.

Original Background: In 2018, the County adopted the Healthy Food Financing Initiative, in partnership with UT Health. As the program continues to grow and expand, the need to establish a coordinating center to streamline administration of the program was identified. Economic Development staff has negotiated the terms to transition the existing memorandum of understanding to an interlocal agreement, to provide compensation for staff time dedicated to the recruitment and vetting of proposals, and the monitoring, evaluation, and impact measurement of awarded projects. The agreement also provides for continued partnerships in the hosting and mentoring of under-graduate and graduate research projects, such as the recently completed, county-wide grocery retail inventory.

Contract Number: 2025-0204
Contract Term Start: N/A
Contract Term End: N/A
County Attorney Opinion Number:

Fiscal Impact: Fiscal Impact Historical
\$155,000

COGF-1000-0000000-431-60-11191-0502-IF001-605103GF-
ECONIMPACT-HEALTHY FOOD

Fiscal Impact Projected
N/A

Long Account Number: Amount:

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Budget or Unbudgeted Match:

Recommendation:

Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the third amendment to the Healthy Food Financing Initiative interlocal agreement with UT Health. No additional funds are required. Contract number 2025-0204.

Prior Action:

11/18/25: Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Houston to increase their project budget by \$5,000 for additional financial review services conducted under the Healthy Food Financing Initiative. Funding is available in GF-ECONIMPACT-HEALTHY FOOD. (Contract No. 2024-0886)

11/9/22: Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Interlocal Agreement Between El Paso County and the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston for Services Related to the Healthy Food Financing Initiative. Funding is available in GF-ECONIMPACT-HEALTHY FOOD. (Contract No. 2022-0214)

1/31/23: Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston for the Healthy Food Financing Initiative Coordinating Center Agreement, amend the invoicing dates listed as requirement for submission of proof of expenses for reimbursement, beginning on February 6, 2023. (Contract No. 2023-0040)

Strategic Plan:

Goal:

2. Transform Economic Development

Objective:

2.4 Focus on existing smaller businesses, micro-enterprises, entrepreneurs, and support innovation-hub-like resources, including policies for low-interest rate loans, grants, and incubator

Strategic Plan Information:

n/a

**Estimated Time Needed
For This Item:**