

Re: Amended and Restated ILA of the original interlocal agreement and sustainment funding interlocal agreement (and subsequent amendments)

Dear Partner Agencies:

You have all received a copy of the newest version of the interlocal agreements, which combined both the original agreement with the sustainment funding agreement, incorporated the amendments that have been previously approved, and made helpful changes to increase the efficiency of adding new partner agencies to the Austin Regional Intelligence Center (ARIC).

On May 2, 2024, Austin City Council unanimously approved this amended and restated interlocal agreement that governs the operations and funding of ARIC. Interim Assistant City Manager Bruce Mills then signed a copy of the agreement. Subsequently, the Travis County Judge signed the agreement as well. The highlights of this amended and restated agreement are as follows:

- Previously, the ARIC had two separate agreements (original and sustainment), and this amended and restated combines the two. This provides greater efficiency, as there is now only one agreement.
- This agreement creates a more efficient and streamlined process of adding new partner agencies, where the Executive Board must unanimously approve a new partner agency, and subsequently Austin City Council and the governing body of the new partner agency must approve of the agreement. This differs from the previous interlocal agreements for the ARIC, where every partner agency needed to have its governing body's approval and signature prior to a new partner agency joining. That process took upwards of two years to add one partner agency. With this new streamlined change, the ARIC will now be able to add partner agencies and provide them with necessary support without the long waiting period.
- New partner agencies will sign a separate agreement with the ARIC, but the agreement will be substantially similar to (including the Privacy Policy terms) this amended and restated agreement.

Because the Interlocal Cooperation Act requires that the governing body of each agency that is a party to an interlocal agreement approve the agreement, it is possible that your City Council, Board, or Commission must approve the amendments prior to signing by the appropriate city official. Please take the time to review this and work to place this on your governing body's agenda for approval as soon as possible.

Please let me know (James.Alexander2@austintexas.gov), know the contact name, title, and email address of the person who will be signing for your agency, if it's not you. We will be sending a link to that contact through DocuSign. It may come from DocuSign or our General Counsel, Assistant City Attorney Robyn Katz.

Once we have all signatures through DocuSign from all partner agencies, the interlocal agreement will be in effect.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 512.974-5893.

Regards,

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ARIC Center Director  
Austin Police Department