



**CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL**

Meeting Date:

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Item Creation Date:

HFD – Interlocal Agreement - ETHAN HEALTH LGC

Agenda Item#:

**Background:**

The Fire Chief recommends that City Council approve an ordinance authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and ETHAN HEALTH LGC.

**SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:**

The Fire Chief recommends that City Council approve an ordinance authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and ETHAN HEALTH LGC (“Corporation”). Concurrently with this action, City Council will be considering a resolution to create a Corporation, which will operate the City’s Emergency Telehealth and Navigation (ETHAN) program that utilizes telemedicine and technology innovation to provide effective emergency health care to the public while reducing the number of individuals requiring ambulance transport and treatment at hospital emergency rooms.

Pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement, the City will transfer responsibility and operation of the ETHAN program to the Corporation. The key terms of the Interlocal Agreement include obligations relating to transfer of the City’s ETHAN program to the Corporation, the Corporation’s obligations with respect to the operation of the corporation, requirements relating to budget, finance and reporting, and indemnity. The term of the Interlocal Agreement is ten years with an option to renew for an additional ten years.

**Fiscal Note:**

Funding for this item is included in the FY25 Adopted Budget. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as stated in the Financial Policies.

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Thomas Muñoz, Fire Chief  
Houston Fire Department

Estimated Spending Authority			
Department	Current FY25	Out Years	Total
Houston Fire Department	\$2,475,417.00	\$26,178,107.00	\$28,653,524.00

**Amount and Source of Funding:**

**\$28,653,524.00** - Fund 1000, General Fund

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

Description	Type
Powerpoint	Backup Material
HFD Signed Coversheet	Signed Cover sheet
Budget Funding Form	Financial Information