Thursday, September 27, 2007

Health and Human Services RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 11

Subject: Approve execution of a 12-month contract with FAMILY ELDERCARE, Austin, TX, for senior services, in an amount estimated not to exceed \$134,000, with three 12-month extension options in an amount estimated not to exceed \$134,000 per extension option, for a total agreement amount estimated not to exceed \$536,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$95,747 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department through the Community Development Block Grant. Funding in the amount of \$38,253 is included in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department. The initial contract period will be October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008. Funding for the three extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Community Development Commission.

Prior Council Action: July 26, 2007, Approval of the City's 2007-2008 Action Plan related to the allocation of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant funds.

Release of funds by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is subject to applicable environmental review in accordance with HUD requirements.

BACKGROUND: The City's 2005-2009 Consolidated Action Plan noted the increasing population of Austin residents age 60 and older. Access to senior services was identified as a high priority public service need.

FAMILY ELDERCARE's Senior Services Programs include: Bill Payer, Elder Shelter, Guardianship and In-Home Care. Funding of these programs helps prevent and protect Austin residents age 55 or older from becoming victims of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, and enables them to live independently for as long as possible. Participating household income cannot exceed 80% of the median family income, for example \$45,500 for a family of two.

Performance Measures

Related Departmental Goal:

Provision: Social Services – Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors, and lifestyle among targeted populations.

Outcomes

95% of In Home Care and Bill Payer clients served will be maintained in a safe environment where all basic needs are met (food, medical, housing, clothing) for three months following initiation of services. 85% of In Home Care and Bill Payer clients responding to surveys are satisfied with services provided 95% of Bill Payer clients served in the program will have no new incident of abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation.

Outputs

Number of clients receiving In-Home Care services: 111 (CDBG)

Number of clients receiving screening, assessment and/or guardianship services: 42 (CDBG)

Number of clients utilizing Elder Shelter: 20 (CDBG)

Number of clients receiving Bill Payer Services: 35 (General Fund)

Number of clients receiving screening and assessment for In-Home Care Services: 133 (CDBG)

Number of In-Home Care and Respite hours provided: 4,152 (CDBG)

Number of Elder Shelter clients receiving case management services: 20 (CDBG)

Number of shelter days provided: 1,700 (CDBG)

Number of clients receiving screening, assessment and/or money management services: 54 (General Fund)

Number of volunteer service hours contributed to the program: 2,248

Number of volunteer and pro-bono attorney matches: 66