

AGENDA



Thursday, November 8, 2007

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
Item No. 21

Subject: Approve execution of 10-month contracts under Ryan White Part A Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Grant Program: THE WRIGHT HOUSE WELLNESS CENTER, INC., Austin, TX in an estimated amount of \$106,102, with two 12-month extension options; and AIDS SERVICES OF AUSTIN, INC., Austin, TX in an estimated amount of \$88,604, with two 12-month extension options, for the continuum of HIV/AIDS care.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$194,706 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department Special Revenue Fund, Ryan White Part A Minority AIDS Initiative Grant Program. The annual grant period is August 1, 2007 through July 31, 2008. Funding for renewal options is contingent on available funding in future budgets. The initial contract period is October 1, 2007 through July 31, 2008.

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

For More Information: Vince Cobalis, Asst. Director for Human Services, at 972-5011; Mark Peppler, Manager, HIV Resources Administration, at 972-5081; Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, at 972-5023.

Prior Council Action: Appropriation of \$229,065 to MAI Grant Program in Ordinance #20060911-001, September 27, 2007.

Background:

The Austin Transitional Grant Area (TGA, previously EMA) received notice of a grant award on August 6, 2007 in the amount of \$229,065 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for the Ryan White Part A Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Program for the purpose of improving HIV-related health outcomes to reduce existing racial and ethnic health disparities. Funds were awarded with a 3-year project period ending July 31, 2010. Planning for MAI services has occurred in the Austin area since 2000, as part of the Austin Area Comprehensive HIV Planning Council's priority setting and resource allocation process. The HIV Planning Council is responsible for selecting racial and ethnic minority communities to receive services funded by the MAI program. On May 21, 2007, the Planning Council confirmed selection of the two racial and ethnic communities, African American and Latino, to receive services funded by the MAI program. Additionally, the HIV Planning Council approved a motion selecting Outreach and Case Management Tier II service categories for funding in the 2007-2008 MAI grant year; both support services that are needed for individuals with HIV/AIDS to achieve their medical outcomes.

The MAI program is designed to partner with local organizations for the provision of services. A competitive Request for Application (RFA) was issued on August 20, 2007. Applications were reviewed and scored by an external review panel based upon evaluation criteria set forth in the application guidance. Applicants were selected based on the results of that process.

The distribution of current grant funds is as follow:

MAI total grant award amount:	\$229,065
Administrative Agency (10% of award):	\$ 22,906
Quality Management (5% of award):	\$ 11,453
Services Total:	\$194,706

Case Management Non-Medical Tier II services provided by:

AIDS Services of Austin \$88,604

Wright House Wellness Center for \$67,161

Outreach Services provided by:

Wright House Wellness Center for \$38,941

Performance Measures:

Related Department Goal:

Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors and lifestyle among targeted populations.

Outcome Measures:

Wright House Wellness Center:

Case Management Tier II

- Approximately 127 clients will be successfully referred into or retained in HIV primary medical care services.

Outreach

- Approximately 100 out-of-care clients will be identified through outreach services and successfully referred into HIV primary medical care services

AIDS Services of Austin:

Case Management Tier II

- Approximately 148 clients will be successfully referred into or retained in HIV primary medical care services.