

AGENDA



Wednesday, June 18, 2008

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 26

Subject: Approve negotiation and execution of a nine-month contract with AIDS SERVICES OF AUSTIN INC., Austin, TX for the delivery of HIV-related outreach and medical nutrition therapy services in an amount not to exceed \$143,737, with one 12-month renewal option in an amount not to exceed \$143,737 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$287,474.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$143,737 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) Special Revenue Fund, Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Services grant. The contract period is June 1, 2008 to February 28, 2009. The grant period is March 1, 2008 to February 28, 2009.

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

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

Boards and Commission Action: Austin Area Comprehensive HIV Planning Council initially approved allocation of funds for the purchase of these services on July 11, 2007, and reconfirmed their allocation plan on March 11, 2008, following receipt of the Notice of Grant Award.

Prior Council Action: Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget, September 10, 2007; Action to accept and amend budget and appropriate additional Ryan White grant funds, June 5, 2008.

BACKGROUND

The City of Austin Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) received notice of grant award (NGA) on March 5, 2008 in the amount of \$3,538,190 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for the Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Services grant program for the period of March 1, 2008 to February 28, 2009.

The HIV Planning Council, which is responsible for prioritizing services and allocating Ryan White Part A funds for HIV services through its annual planning process, selected two new service categories for funding during this fiscal year, HIV outreach services and medical nutrition therapy. A request for application (RFA) was released on April 16, 2008, to procure these newly funded services. As a result of the RFA process, AIDS Services of Austin was selected as the service provider. Due to the time required to complete the RFA process, the initial contract will be for a nine-month period, June 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009. The level of funding will be the same for both the nine-month contract period and any 12-month renewal period and the expected service outputs will be comparable. Funds budgeted during the initial nine-month contract period will address any one-time program start-up expenses. Additionally, to ensure comparable levels of service are delivered during the initial nine-month contract period, the contractor will increase client access to services through temporary staffing increases. Any contract renewals will be based on the 12-month grant period.

A separate \$48,397 contract will be awarded administratively to Waterloo Counseling Center for mental health services.

The goal of the Ryan White program is to assure access to HIV primary care and medications as well as ensure the provision of critical support services necessary to maintain individuals in the system of HIV care throughout five-county service delivery area, which includes Travis, Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays and Williamson Counties.

Included as a requirement of the City of Austin Budget Office "All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City."

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

HHSD Related Departmental Goal

Promotion/Prevention/Protection: Social Services -- Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors and lifestyle among targeted populations.

Outcome Measures

80% of HIV positive out-of-care persons who are identified through outreach services will be successfully referred into primary medical care.

80% of clients receiving medical nutrition therapy will demonstrate improved nutritional status based on nutritional assessment.