

AGENDA



Thursday, August 27, 2009

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
Item No. 18

Subject: Approve negotiation and execution of renewals of and amendments to four contracts with the following providers of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part A services: AIDS SERVICES OF AUSTIN, INC., for a seven-month renewal term beginning on August 1, 2009, in an amount not to exceed \$601,053, for a total contract amount of \$922,142 for the first 12-month period, with one 12-month renewal option in an amount not to exceed \$922,142, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,844,284; AUSTIN TRAVIS COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH MENTAL RETARDATION CENTER, for a seven-month renewal term beginning on August 1, 2009, in an amount not to exceed \$285,964, for a total contract amount of \$443,549 for the first 12-month period, with one 12-month renewal option in an amount not to exceed \$443,549, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$887,098; WATERLOO COUNSELING CENTER, INC., for a seven-month renewal term beginning on August 1, 2009, in an amount not to exceed \$36,005, for a total contract amount of \$55,626 for the first 12-month period, with one 12-month renewal option in an amount not to exceed \$55,626, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$111,252; CENTRAL TEXAS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS, INC., for a seven-month term beginning on August 1, 2009, in an amount not to exceed \$1,068,177, for a total contract amount of \$1,696,997 for the first 12-month period, with one 12-month renewal option in an amount not to exceed \$1,696,997, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,393,994.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$429,707 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Approved Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) Special Revenue Fund Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Project. The initial grant period is March 1, 2009 to February 28, 2010. Funding for the renewal options is contingent upon available funding.

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

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

Prior Council Action: April 23, 2009 - Council approved current year contracts

BACKGROUND

The City of Austin Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) received an initial notice of a grant award (NGA) on March 7, 2009, in the amount of \$1,434,310 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act Part A (Part A), HIV Emergency Relief Project Grant, for the period of March 1, 2009 through February 28, 2010. Due to restrictions imposed by the federal Continuing Resolution (CR) for FY 2009, the amount initially available for FY 2009 Part A funding was a partial award for the 12-month grant period. A supplemental NGA was received on April 20, 2009, for a total grant award amount of \$4,078,739, an increase of \$540,549 from the prior year's award. As noted under Prior Council Action above, Council approved current year initial five-month contracts with three of the providers on April 23, 2009, with options to renew for one seven-month term and a subsequent 12-month term. The contracts will be amended to exercise the seven-month renewal options and to increase the maximum authorized amounts for both renewal terms in order to correspond to the actual amount of funding received for the initial 12-month grant period. The initial

five-month contract amount of \$19,621 for Waterloo Counseling Center, Inc. was approved administratively.

The purpose of the Ryan White Emergency Relief Project is to provide support to clients who have been affected by HIV/AIDS and who reside in the five-county Transitional Grant Area (TGA) that includes Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson counties. The program's goal is to assure access to primary medical care and medications as well as ensure the provision of critical support services necessary to maintain individuals in the system of HIV care. The Part A grant focuses on the delivery of outpatient ambulatory medical care, local AIDS pharmaceutical assistance, oral health care, mental health services, substance abuse services, case management, health insurance premium assistance, medical nutrition therapy, medical transportation, outreach, early intervention services, and food bank services to persons living with HIV/AIDS. These services are provided in partnership with local organizations.

The HHSD will issue a Request for Application in August of 2009, to procure additional medical case management services, and also initiate an interlocal agreement for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program in order to fully utilize all Ryan White HIV/AIDS Part A Grant funds. Contracts with Wright House Wellness Center, Inc., Project Transitions, Inc., and Community Action, Inc. were administratively amended to procure additional services due to the increased grant award.

A funding summary by agency, along with associated performance measures are included in Attachment A.