

## AGENDA



Thursday, December 10, 2009

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

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**Subject:** Approve negotiation and execution of two contracts for HIV-related housing services; one with AIDS SERVICES OF AUSTIN, INC., for a 12-month term beginning October 1, 2009, in an amount not to exceed \$710,592 with two 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$710,592 per renewal term, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,131,776, and one with PROJECT TRANSITIONS, INC., for a 12-month term beginning October 1, 2009, in an amount not to exceed \$287,622, with two 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$287,622 per renewal term, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$862,866.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$998,214 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department Special Revenue Fund, HOPWA-HUD grant. The initial grant period is October 1, 2009 to September 30, 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, Health Resources Administration, 972-5081; Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator 972-5023.

**Prior Council Action:** September 14, 2009 - Approved Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget.

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The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grant funds in the amount of \$1,029,086 for HIV-related housing services to be provided in the Austin Transitional Grant Area (TGA). The TGA includes Travis, Williamson, Hays, Bastrop, and Caldwell counties. Services under the HOPWA grant include short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance; tenant-based rental assistance, housing placement, and residential housing supportive services for HIV positive clients living in a qualified residential setting. Our annual grant award is formula driven and is a function of the total amount of HOPWA housing funds appropriated by the U.S. Congress and the reported number of AIDS cases in the Austin TGA. HUD/HOPWA grant funds may be expended over three (3) years from the date of the annual grant award. Although the grant period begins October 1, 2009, the grant award document was not executed until November 3, 2009. The award for this grant period is \$42,086 higher than last year.

While the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office is the single point of contact with HUD, the City designates the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department as the program administrator for the HOPWA program. Housing needs were identified through needs assessment and public input processes conducted during preparation of the City's Consolidated Plan.

AIDS Services of Austin and Project Transitions are designated grant project sponsors within the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Annual Action Plan which was approved by Council on July 23, 2009.

A summary of Fiscal Year 2009-2010 City of Austin HOPWA funding and related performance measures are included in Attachment A.