

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Health and Human Services RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION Item No. 35

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to a contract with AIDS SERVICES OF AUSTIN for the provision of oral health services under the Ryan White Part C HIV Early Intervention Grant Program, for a term of one year beginning on January 1, 2010, to increase the not to exceed amount by \$41,979, for an annual contract amount not to exceed \$200,156, with one remaining 12-month renewal option in an amount not to exceed \$158,177, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$841,554.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$41,979 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) Special Revenue Fund, Ryan White Part C Early Intervention Services Grant Program. The contract period is July 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010. The grant period is January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010. Related to Item # 33.

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, Laura Polio, Interim Agenda Coordinator, 972-5010.

Prior Council Action: March 1, 2007, Council approved initial contracts with four 12-month renewal options.

On June 15, 2010, the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) received a Notice of Grant Award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the Ryan White Part C Outpatient Early Intervention Services Program grant approving a carry over request from the previous grant year in the amount of \$46,079 for a total grant award of \$918,462.

The Ryan White Part C Program goal is to ensure that persons with HIV disease have access to medical care and to a comprehensive continuum of other health and supportive services as early in the course of infection as possible. The Austin Part C Program provides HIV primary care, pharmaceuticals, oral health care, non-medical case management, and transportation services. These services are necessary to maintain individuals in the system of HIV care and prolong their quality of life. Services are provided throughout a five-county service delivery area, which includes Travis, Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays and Williamson Counties.

HHSD is the Administrative Agency for this grant and contracts with AIDS Services of Austin, David Powell Community Health Center, Community Action, Inc., and HHSD Communicable Disease Unit to provide Ryan White Part C Program servcies.

The carry-over grant funds will be used by ASA to replace aging dental equipment and provide additional oral hygiene visits. In addition to the ASA contract amendment, a contract with Community Action, Inc. will be amended to purchase additional transportation services for rural clients, and additional non-medical case management services will provided by the HHSD Communicable Disease Unit. A summary of funding and performance measures is included in Attachment A.

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.