

## AGENDA



Thursday, November 18, 2010

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

**Subject:** Authorize negotiation and execution of amendments to increase funding for two contracts for HIV core medical and support services under the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part A grant program: AIDS SERVICES OF AUSTIN, INC. in an amount not to exceed \$87,045, for a total 12-month contract amount not to exceed \$1,050,619 for the period March 1, 2010, through February 28, 2011, and a revised two-year total contract amount not to exceed \$1,972,761; and PROJECT TRANSITIONS, INC., in an amount not to exceed \$29,015, for a total 12-month contract amount not to exceed \$99,015 for the period March 1, 2010, through February 28, 2011, and a revised total two-year contract amount not to exceed \$199,015.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$116,060 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) Special Revenue Fund, Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Project Grant. The grant period is March 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011.

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

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**Boards and Commission Action:** The Austin Area Comprehensive HIV Planning Council approved grant fiscal year 2010 service category allocations. Related to Item #19.

**Prior Council Action:** June 24, 2010, Council approved current grant period amendments of four contracts including AIDS Services of Austin and Project Transitions.

On June 21, 2010, the City's Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) submitted, on behalf of the Austin Transitional Grant Area, a request to the federal government to carry over \$116,060 of unobligated Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part A formula funds from the 2009 grant period into the 2010 grant period.

On August 30, 2010, HHSD received a Notice of Grant Award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services approving the carry-over request, for a total Ryan White Part A Emergency Relief Project Grant award amount of \$4,465,035 for the 2010 grant term.

The Austin Area Planning Council is responsible for prioritizing services and allocating Ryan White Part A funds for HIV services. At its June 8, 2010, regular business meeting, the Planning Council recommended that \$116,060 of grant year 2009 unobligated funds be carried over into grant year 2010, with \$87,045 allocated to Housing Services (not previously funded) and \$29,015 allocated to Hospice services.

The purpose of the Ryan White Part A HIV 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 such as case management and transportation necessary to maintain individuals in the system of HIV care.

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.