

AGENDA



Thursday, January 27, 2011

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
Item No. 21

Subject: Authorize the negotiation and execution of Amendment Number 2 to the Agreement for HOPWA HIV/AIDS Services between the City of Austin and AIDS SERVICES OF AUSTIN, INC. to increase federal grant funding for housing services by \$72,595, for a total contract amount of \$783,187 for the period October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011, with one remaining 12-month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$783,187.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$72,595 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Approved Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) Special Revenue Fund, HOPWA-HUD grant. The grant period is October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011. Funding for the renewal option is contingent upon available funding.

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

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Boards and Commission Action: On July 22, 2010 The Community Development Commission approved the Annual Consolidation Plan.

Prior Council Action: On July 29, 2010 City Council approved 2010-2011 Action Plan. December 10, 2009, the original contract with ASA was approved.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) formula grant funds to the City for HIV-related housing services to be provided in the five-county Austin Transitional Grant Area (TGA). The TGA covers Travis, Williamson, Hays, Bastrop, and Caldwell counties. The purpose of this RCA is to provide an additional \$72,595 in grant funds to AIDS Services of Austin for the current term (October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011). Services under the HOPWA grant include short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance; tenant-based rental assistance, transitional housing, housing placement, and supportive services for eligible individuals living with HIV. The HOPWA funds are distributed by HUD using a statutory formula that relies on AIDS statistics (cumulative AIDS cases and area incidence). HOPWA formula grants are part of the consolidated planning process. HUD/HOPWA grant funds may be expended over three (3) years from the date of the annual grant award.

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 is identified as a designated grant project sponsor in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Annual Action Plan, which was approved by City Council on July 29, 2010. The additional funding for this fiscal year will be utilized for the provision of tenant-based rental assistance, which ensures housing stability and prevents homelessness.

A summary of Fiscal Year 2010-2011 City of Austin HOPWA funding and related performance measures are included in Attachment A.