

AGENDA



Thursday, February 10, 2011

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 14

Subject: Approve negotiation and execution of contract amendments with the following two providers of Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Grant Program services in order to increase funding to those providers: Amendment No. 6 with WATERLOO COUNSELING CENTER, INC. in an amount not to exceed \$2,757 for the provision of mental health services, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$104,968 for the period March 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011; Amendment No. 6 with AIDS SERVICES OF AUSTIN, INC. in an amount not to exceed \$58,085 for the provision of food bank, health insurance premium and cost sharing assistance services, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,108,704 for the period March 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$60,842 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 Services grant. The grant period is March 1, 2010 to 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 fiscal year 2010 service category allocations.

Prior Council Action: June 24, 2010 - Council approved FY10 contracts;
November 18, 2010 - Council approved contract amendment with AIDS Services of Austin.

The City of Austin Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) received a notice of grant award (NGA) on April 1, 2010 in the amount of \$4,348,975 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for the Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Services grant program. On August 30, 2010, an NGA was received approving a carry-over of \$116,060 of FY09 funds into the current fiscal year, for a total of \$4,465,035 for the period March 1, 2010 to February 28, 2011. HHSD has determined that there are \$60,842 in un-obligated grant funds. Staff received information from these agencies that they can provide additional services in the categories described above during the months of January and February 2011. The additional funds will be used to reimburse the agencies for services rendered during that time period.

Services provided through the Ryan White Part A grant program are prioritized and funded through allocations made by the Austin Area Comprehensive HIV Planning Council. The Planning Council has an established reallocation policy for the distribution of un-obligated funds near the end of the grant year. Based on that policy and staff review of contract expenditures and service needs, un-obligated 2010-2011 Ryan White Part A program funds are available for the provision of additional mental health, food bank, and health insurance premium and cost sharing assistance services provided through the amended contracts with AIDS Services of Austin and Waterloo Counseling Center.

The goal of the Ryan White program is to assure access to HIV primary medical care, medications, substance abuse services, mental health services and other core medical services and to help provide critical support services such as food bank and transportation services, which are necessary to maintain individuals in the system of HIV care. These services are provided to individuals living with HIV who reside in a five-county service delivery area which includes Travis, Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays and Williamson Counties.

A summary of funding and performance measures is included on 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.