

AGENDA



Thursday, February 17, 2011

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

Item No. 27

Subject: Approve negotiation and execution of renewals of and amendments to contracts with the following two providers of Ryan White Part A Minority AIDS Initiative Grant Program services: Amendment No. 4 with AIDS SERVICES OF AUSTIN, INC. in an amount not to exceed \$88,604 for a 12-month term beginning on March 1, 2011, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$406,102; and Amendment No. 5 with THE WRIGHT HOUSE WELLNESS CENTER in an amount not to exceed \$106,102 for a 12-month term beginning on March 1, 2011, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$511,749.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$194,706 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, 2011 to February 28, 2012.

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 Pepler, HIV Resources Administration Manager, 972-5081, Charles Kemp, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023.

Boards and Commission Action: The Austin Area Comprehensive HIV Planning Council approved Fiscal Year 2011 service category allocations.

Prior Council Action: September 23, 2010 Council approved Fiscal Year 2010 seven-month contract extension amendments.

The City of Austin Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) has received Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Project Grant funding for 15 years. Fiscal year 2011 Part A grant funding in the amount of \$4,349,000 is included in HHSD's approved operating budget, and this amount is based on prior year funding. Of that amount, \$230,262 is designated for the Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) program, which HHSD plans to allocate as follows: \$88,604 for additional services to be provided by AIDS Services of Austin, \$106,102 for additional services to be provided by The Wright House Wellness Center, the HHSD Communicable Disease Unit will receive \$22,173 for the provision of non-medical case management services, and \$13,383 for administration and quality management services to be provided by HHSD.

Due to changes in the 2009 Ryan White legislation, MAI program funds are now a component of the total Ryan White Part A grant award amount, though MAI funds are discreetly identified, reported on independently, and managed through contracts that are distinct from other Part A contracts. Each year the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services releases the Part A HIV Emergency Relief Project notice of grant award in late February or early March. The grant period is March 1, 2011 through February 28, 2012. The HIV Planning Council identified the African American and Latino communities, both disproportionately affected by HIV, as the minority populations to receive MAI funded outreach and case management services. These support services are needed to ensure individuals with HIV/AIDS are linked to and maintained in medical care.

Attachment A includes a summary of performance measures for each contractor.

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.