

## AGENDA



Thursday, February 17, 2011

**Health and Human Services  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
**Item No. 28**

**Subject:** Approve negotiation and execution of amendments to and renewals of contracts with six providers of Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Grant Program services. All renewals are for 12-month terms beginning on March 1, 2011. The amendments are: Amendment No. 7 with AIDS SERVICES OF AUSTIN, INC. in an amount not to exceed \$963,574, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,994,419; Amendment No. 4 with AUSTIN/TRAVIS COUNTY MHMR in an amount not to exceed \$438,691, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,303,936; Amendment No. 4 with CENTRAL TEXAS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS, INC. in an amount not to exceed \$1,669,752, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$5,025,210; Amendment No. 5 with PROJECT TRANSITIONS, INC. in an amount not to exceed \$70,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$269,015; Amendment No. 7 with WATERLOO COUNSELING CENTER, INC. in an amount not to exceed \$102,211, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$276,948; and Amendment No. 5 with THE WRIGHT HOUSE WELLNESS CENTER in an amount not to exceed \$136,066, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$400,907.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$3,380,294 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 Peppler, 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:** April 23, 2009 Council approved FY09 contracts; August 27, 2009, Council approved ASA, MHMR CARE, DPCHC, and Waterloo contract amendments; December 17, 2009 Council approved Waterloo and WHWC contract amendments; June 24, 2010 Council approved FY10 contract amendments; November 18, 2010 Council approved ASA and PT contract increases.

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. Each year the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services releases the Part A HIV Emergency Relief Project grant notice of grant award in late February or early March. The grant period is March 1, 2011 through February 28, 2012.

On September 28, 2010, the Austin Area Comprehensive HIV Planning Council completed its legislatively mandated responsibility of prioritizing services and allocating 2011-2012 Part A grant funds by HIV service category based on demonstrated need through its annual planning process.

Due to changes in Ryan White grant program legislation, the impending release of new program guidance that will impact procurement of services, and delays in the completion of a comprehensive needs assessment and comprehensive plan, HHSD is requesting 12-month renewals of six existing contracts. A Request for Application process for the Ryan White Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS) Program Part A services will be conducted in the fall of 2011 for new service contracts to begin on March 1, 2012.

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 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 to provide critical support services necessary to maintain individuals in the system of HIV care. The Part A grant focuses on the delivery of outpatient ambulatory medical care, local AIDS pharmaceutical assistance, oral health care, mental health services, substance abuse services, case management, health insurance premium assistance, medical nutrition therapy, residential hospice, medical transportation, outreach, early intervention services, and food bank services to persons living with HIV/AIDS. These services are provided in partnership with local organizations. In addition to the six providers named in Attachment A, HHSD will enter into a contract for \$34,930 in services with Community Action, Inc., and the HHSD Communicable Disease Unit will provide \$54,664 in services.

Due to changes in the 2009 Ryan White legislation, Ryan White Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) program funds are now a component of the total Part A grant award amount, though MAI funds are discreetly identified and reported on independently. A separate RCA is being submitted for the extension of MAI contracts, which are distinct from other Part A contracts.

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.

A list of performance measures is included in Attachment A.