

AGENDA



Thursday, March 24, 2011

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 19**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 1 to the federal Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) grant contract with CARITAS OF AUSTIN for HPRP Outreach and Intake Specialists (OIS) in an amount not to exceed \$148,077, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$628,077, incorporating the HPRP Housing Location and Inspection program.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) Special Revenue Fund.

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

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Prior Council Action: Austin City Council approved the Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan 2008 Action Plan, May 14, 2009. Council approved the ordinance accepting the HPRP funds and amending the 2008-09 HHSD Operating Budget on September 24, 2009. Council approved the execution of two HPRP contracts with CARITAS OF AUSTIN, one for Outreach and Intake Specialists services, and the other for Housing Location and Inspection services, on September 24, 2009.

HPRP, as authorized under Title XII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), provides financial assistance and services to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless and help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized. The City of Austin is receiving \$3,062,820 in direct funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the program. CARITAS OF AUSTIN was awarded two HPRP contracts; the Outreach and Intake Specialists (OIS) contract was the result of a competitive process for new services while the Housing Location and Inspection (HLI) contract was an extension of existing Caritas services and was not competed.

As of January 25, 2011, \$91,923 had been expended in the \$240,000 Caritas HLI contract. Demand for the housing locator services has been significantly lower than anticipated, and the demand for services in the \$480,000 OIS contract has substantially exceeded expectations. This means the HLI contract is over funded and the OIS contract is under funded.

Council is requested to authorize incorporation of the CARITAS OF AUSTIN HPRP HLI contract into the CARITAS OF AUSTIN HPRP OIS contract through this amendment. The amendment will enable the contractor to respond most appropriately to HPRP clientele needs. It will also facilitate contract management for CARITAS OF AUSTIN and provide the flexibility needed to ensure expenditure of grant funds within established timelines. The current HPRP HLI contract will be terminated.

Authorization of the requested action would not result in an increase or decrease in the combined contract amounts or performance measures and targets.

PERFORMANCE

There would be no impact on performance measures or targets.