

## AGENDA



Thursday, March 24, 2011

**Health and Human Services  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 20**

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**Subject:** Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 1 to the grant contract with YOUTH AND FAMILY ALLIANCE (dba LifeWorks) to reallocate up to \$100,000 from existing federal Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program funds, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,067,840 for the period September 30, 2009 through September 30, 2011.

**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.

**For More Information:** Vince Cobalis, Asst. Director, Human Services, 972-5011; Susan Gehring, HS Manager Community Based Resources, 972-5026; Charles Kemp, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023.

**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 the LifeWorks' Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) Fiscal Agent contract on September 24, 2009.

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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. LifeWorks was selected as the Fiscal Agent for the HPRP program, managing and disbursing direct financial assistance funds on behalf of enrolled clients.

The LifeWorks contract may be amended to potentially add up to \$100,000 as a result of possible reallocation of funds from other HPRP contractors and/or HPRP funds retained by the Department. This flexibility will allow us to meet the target of expending the grant funds by September 30, 2011. No funds will be committed beyond all of total approved HPRP grant amount.

Increasing the contract amount will allow for either the provision of additional direct financial assistance on behalf of clients to stabilize or establish permanent housing or allow additional clients to be served. An increase in the number of clients/households served will depend on the amount of funds ultimately reallocated to the contract.

**PERFORMANCE:**

The amendment to the LifeWorks contract may allow for an increase in performance of up to 60 payments.