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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	7758	Agenda Number	27.
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Meeting Date:	7/28/2011	Department:	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of amendments to the following four social services contracts to provide additional funding for current contract terms, all to expire on September 30, 2011: WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS–CAPITAL AREA WORKFORCE BOARD, in an amount not to exceed \$67,500, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$870,019; BOOKSPRING, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$97,494; YOUTH AND FAMILY ALLIANCE, DBA LIFEWORKS, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$ 612,093, and YOUTH AND FAMILY ALLIANCE, DBA LIFEWORKS (Housing and Homeless Services), in an amount not to exceed \$186,250, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$662,537. Related to Items # 24 and 26.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$363,750 is available in the FY 2010-2011 Operating Budget for the Health and Human Services Department.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action:

December 17, 2009 – Approved negotiation and execution of social services contracts. June 23, 2011 - Approved staff recommendation for increased services to at-risk youth.

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Boards and
Commission Action:

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

The current social services contracts with WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS– CAPITAL AREA WORKFORCE BOARD, and BOOKSPRING, and two contracts with YOUTH AND FAMILY ALLIANCE, DBA LIFEWORKS, will be increased with one time City Health and Human Services Department funding of \$363,750. This one time funding is being provided as a result of a City Council resolution approved on June 23, 2011 to increase services to at-risk youth.

Workforce Solutions will provide additional child care training and scholarships to child care center workers and directors. Services to be negotiated include:

Evidence-based social emotional training for providers;

Taking Charge of Change – serving a new cohort of 30 directors; and

College level scholarships toward early childhood course plans equalling approximately 25 scholarships.

Bookspring will provide additional child development services. Services to be negotiated include:

Literacy services for low-income preschool and elementary age children in child care (including bi-lingual and culturally sensitive books for classrooms), WIC offices, health clinics, and low-performing public schools. The books will be age and language appropriate. Additional funding will purchase approximately 20,000 books.

Youth And Family Alliance, dba Lifeworks (Basic Education, Family and Individual Support and Youth Development) will provide youth development and parenting for low-income, at-risk youth including homeless and former foster teens and teen parents. Services to be negotiated include:

Preparation of approximately 100 independent living kits; and

Parenting education for teens.

Youth And Family Alliance, dba Lifeworks (Housing and Homeless Services) will provide additional services for youth and young adults ages 10 to 23 in high-risk situations including homelessness, runaway, abandoned, and abuse youth, and youth at-risk of imminent homelessness. The contractor will also serve youth who have experienced violence or abuse, substance abusers, youth involved with the criminal justice system, economically disadvantaged youth, pregnant and parenting teens, youth with physical or mental health problems and youth who engage in survival sex. Services to be negotiated include:

Street outreach, housing services (utilizing AmeriCorps members), and GED/literacy services.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Related Goals:

Prevention/Provision: Social Services – Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviours and lifestyle among targeted populations.

Specific measures will be negotiated for each contract.