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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	7821	Agenda Number	12.
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Meeting Date:	8/25/2011	Department:	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No.1 to the Agreement for Social Services with THE SALVATION ARMY, INC., to increase funding to provide for replacement of the air conditioning system, telephone system and plumbing repairs at the Women and Children's Shelter, in an amount to not to exceed \$263,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,901,466.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department for Social Services.

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	September 13, 2010 - Fiscal Year 2010 - 2011 Operating Budget Approved. November 18, 2010 - Council approved current operations contract for period of January 1, 2011 through September 30, 2013, with two 12-month renewal options.
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

Since October 8, 2001, the City of Austin has contracted with The Salvation Army for the operation of the Women and Children's Shelter (WCS), a comprehensive emergency shelter that serves homeless adult women including those with dependent children under the age of 17 years old. The current operations contract was approved by City Council on November 18th, 2010, for the period January 1st, 2011 through September 30, 2013, with two 12-month renewal options.

The shelter, located at 4523 Tannehill Lane in Austin, is owned by Travis County (County) and provided at no-cost to the City through an interlocal agreement (ILA). The current ILA for the facility was approved by City Council on November 18, 2010, for a 5-year term beginning April 1, 2011, with one additional five-year renewal option.

A 2001 report provided by Elliot & Hamill Architects recommended replacement of the air conditioning system, sanitary piping and domestic water piping. In subsequent years there have been multiple, intermittent failures of the

air compressors requiring increasingly costly emergency repairs. The report also noted that the sanitary piping and domestic water piping was old and showed signs of severe corrosion. Ten years later, replacement has now become critical. The Salvation Army has solicited bids for the work, per the contract agreement. Their existing aging telephone system also needs replacement. All improvements will be authorized by the Travis County Commissioners Court prior to initiation, per the ILA with the County.

The shelter maintains operation at maximum capacity, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with all 60 beds continuously occupied. In addition to emergency shelter, WCS provides basic needs services, case management, and specialized counselling services with the goal of promoting self-sufficiency and stability. WCS continues to demonstrate achievement of performance measures, with 322 unduplicated clients provided shelter, and an 89% success rate in moving clients into safe and stable housing during the last contract year. The work to be performed will require no reductions in operations or occupancy.