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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	10620	Agenda Number	15.
Meeting Date:	11/10/2011		Department:	Health and Human Services
Subject				
<p>Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with the ENDING COMMUNITY HOMELESSNESS COALITION, INC., Austin, TX, to increase funding for Homeless Management Information System program management and extend the contract period from April 1, 2012 to September 30, 2012, said amendments being in an amount not to exceed \$82,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$117,000, with two 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 per option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$317,000.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>Funding in the amount of \$64,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. Funding for the balance of the contract is contingent on available funding in future budgets.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
<p>There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.</p>				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:	On September 12, 2011 the Council approved the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget of Ordinance No. 20110912-005.			
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Boards and Commission Action:				
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:				
Additional Backup Information				

The City of Austin has an existing \$35,000 contract with the Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO) for community coordination activities related to preventing and ending homelessness through March 31, 2012. This amendment will extend the contract term to September 2012 and add an additional \$17,500 for said extension. The amendment will also allow ECHO to hire an HMIS Program Manager as recommended in the July 2011 Austin's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), Analysis and Recommendations Report. Funding for this position is in an amount not to exceed \$64,500.

In FY 2011, the City Manager charged City staff with analyzing the current Homeless Management Information System, review best practices in other Communities and make recommendations to enhance Austin's HMIS system to provide reliable data that enables the entire community to understand, prevent, and end homelessness. The key recommendation in the report is that ECHO should hire an HMIS Program Manager to promote ECHO's leadership role in operating and managing the HMIS program in this community. This will lead to the implementation of other recommendations in that report, improve overall HMIS data quality, and support the community's ability to address homelessness and draw down federal funding for homeless services. The HMIS program is administered centrally, but the value of the data depends on accurate, responsive commitment from multiple service providers in the community.

The HMIS Program Manager will:

- Lead, staff, and manage HMIS program and projects

- Improve HMIS data quality and reporting

- Improve HMIS program responsiveness to community needs

- Maximize the effectiveness of HMIS training

- Increase participation of agencies that do not receive federal homeless services funding

- Help ECHO improve community understanding of the value of accurate HMIS data

- Explore opportunities to partner with other database integration efforts to develop information that will benefit Homeless Services Providers

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Related Departmental Goal: Provision: Social Services – Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors, and lifestyle among targeted populations.