

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 17439 Agenda Number 15.

Meeting Date: 8/23/2012 Department: Health and Human Services

Subject

Approve negotiation and execution of a contract amendment with PROJECT TRANSITIONS, INC., under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS grant program in an amount not to exceed \$3,000 for the period of August 1, 2012 to September 30 2012, and a revised contract amount not to exceed \$1,153,488.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$3,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-20012 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) Special Revenue Fund, HOPWA-HUD grant. The grant period is October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012.

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On July 28, 2011 Council approved 2011-2012 Action Plan. On December 10, 2009 Council approved Project Transition's three year contract, October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2012.
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Boards and Commission Action:	Austin Area Comprehensive HIV Planning Council reviewed HOPWA funding to be used for purchase of these services.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grant funds in the amount of \$1,096,976 for HIV-related housing services to be provided in the Austin Transitional Grant Area (TGA). The TGA includes Travis, Williamson, Hays, Bastrop, and Caldwell counties. Services under the HOPWA grant include short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance; tenant-based rental assistance, housing placement, and residential housing supportive services for HIV positive clients living in a qualified residential setting. Our annual grant award is formula driven and is a function of the total amount of HOPWA housing funds appropriated by the U.S. Congress and the reported number of AIDS cases in the Austin TGA. HUD/HOPWA grant funds may be expended over three (3) years from the date of the annual grant award.

The additional \$3,000 allocated to the HOPWA Base Housing Program will be used to pay the cost of utilities for six months for eight households.

The Fiscal Year 2011-2012 City of Austin HOPWA Annual Plan including the \$3,000 is as follow.

Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance \$ 773,445 Residential Supportive Services \$ 290,622

Administration \$ 32,909

\$1,096,976

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

HHSD Related Departmental Goal:

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

OUTPUT MEASURE:

Approximately 8 additional eligible households will receive utility assistance in varying amounts depending on demonstrated need. One unit = one dollar of Rent, Mortgage, Utility assistance plus a 7% transaction fee.

OUTCOME MEASURES:

Maintain the percentage of homeless persons who receive case management that move into safe and stable housing at a minimum level of 60%.