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Recommendation for Council Action

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| Austin City Council | | Item ID | 18358 | Agenda Number | 26. |
| Meeting Date: | 9/27/2012 | | | Department: | Health and Human Services |
| Subject | | | | | |
| Approve negotiation and execution of an agreement with Foundation Communities, for a 24-month contract with a term of September 27, 2012 through September 30, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, with one 24-month renewal option in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$400,000, to provide case management, mental health and supportive services to homeless individuals who were frequent users of the Downtown Austin Community Court and are now living in permanent supportive housing; | | | | | |
| Amount and Source of Funding | | | | | |
| Funding in the amount of \$100,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. Funding for the balance of the contracts is contingent on available funding in future budgets. | | | | | |
| Fiscal Note | | | | | |
| There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required. | | | | | |
| Purchasing Language: | | | | | |
| Prior Council Action: | City Council approved the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Health and Human Services Operating Budget on September 12, 2011. | | | | |
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| Boards and Commission Action: | | | | | |
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| Related Items: | | | | | |

Additional Backup Information

On September 30, 2010 the City of Austin released the Permanent Supportive Housing Strategy for both the construction and operation of 350 permanent supportive housing units by 2015. To that end, the City of Austin Health and Human Services Department (City HHSD) conducted a competition with a Request for Application (RFA) for supportive services that was due March 21, 2012. There were two Applicants – Foundation Communities and Front Steps, Inc., which was the chosen applicant. An additional \$100,000 has been allocated for Permanent Supportive Housing services. Foundation Communities is recommended for the additional funding.

This request is to create a new contract with Foundation Communities to provide permanent supportive housing services to frequent offenders at the Downtown Austin Community Court and frequent users of the ARCH. Foundation Communities will build on its funding from Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the St. David's Foundation to provide integration between the medical health and behavioral health

and substance abuse treatment services to tenants at its Arbor Terrace location. Foundation Communities will partner with Downtown Austin Community Court, Caritas, Front Steps, and Family Eldercare.

The new program will provide supportive services to clients in 60 new units of Permanent Supportive Housing funded through recently approved projects.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

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

Unduplicated number of adult residents provided Permanent Supportive Housing services for 25 months: 72
Percentage of households that maintain housing due to receiving essential services: 90%