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Recommendation for Council Action

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| Austin City Council | Item ID | 19445 | Agenda Number | 19. |
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| Meeting Date: | 11/8/2012 | Department: | Health and Human Services |
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a new contract with FRONT STEPS, INC. for Rapid Rehousing services to homeless individuals and families in an amount not to exceed \$221,107 for the period October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2014.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$221,107 is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Special Revenue Fund. The grant period is October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2014.

Fiscal Note

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

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| Purchasing Language: | |
| Prior Council Action: | On September 11, 2012, the Council approved the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget. |
| For More Information: | Stephanie Hayden, Assistant Director, 972-5017; Susan Gehring, HHSD Manager, 972-5026; Chris Crookham, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5010. |
| Boards and Commission Action: | |
| MBE / WBE: | |
| Related Items: | |

Additional Backup Information

In August 2012, the City of Austin Health and Human Services Department released the Request for Applications # 2012-002 to seek eligible entities to administer federal Emergency Solutions Grant funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the provision of Rapid Rehousing/Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services. The City Health and Human Services Department recommends, Front Steps, Inc., the only applicant, to receive the award.

Front Steps will use the award to fund a Rapid Rehousing Coordinator located at the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless who will coordinate the administration of direct financial assistance available for two years (including rental application fees; security deposits; last month's rent; utility deposits and payments; and moving costs). The Rapid Rehousing Coordinator will coordinate with other ESG-funded Rapid Rehousing programs at the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless, Downtown Austin Community Court and the City of Austin Communicable Disease Unit. These Rapid Rehousing services will help homeless individuals move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing with the provision of case management services and direct financial assistance.

The primary population for the funding will be users of the ARCH, Downtown Austin Community Court and HIV-positive clients served in the City of Austin Communicable Disease Unit. Targeted clients for the direct financial assistance will be those in case management with rental subsidies from another program and/or those with income who will be able to maintain stable housing and self-sufficiency after the provision of the limited direct financial assistance.

Front Steps will be providing 100% match of cash or in-kind funds for the full amount as required by the grant as well as other federal requirements outlined in 24 CFR Part 576.

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

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Unduplicated clients provided ESG Rapid Rehousing services in the two-year period = 130

Unduplicated clients provided ESG Direct Financial Assistance in the two-year period = 80

Percentage of households receiving Rapid Rehousing Services that transition from homelessness into permanent housing: 60%