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## Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	29089	Agenda Number	22.
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Meeting Date:	12/12/2013	Department:	Health and Human Services
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## Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a one-year agreement for social services with The Salvation Army, Inc. to fund the continuation of the Safe Sleep program for single women at the downtown Pathways shelter in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, HOMELESS HOUSING AND SERVICES PROGRAM.

## Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$200,000 is available from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) Funds. The grant period is October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014.

## Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Approval of Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget, September 9-11, 2013.
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## Additional Backup Information

The Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) was initially authorized by the Texas Legislature in the 81<sup>st</sup> Legislative Session. It was the first program that authorized state funding for homeless services and homelessness prevention. The appropriation is divided among the eight largest cities in Texas according to population. Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) was assigned as manager. On September 18, 2013, Austin was informed that it would receive an additional \$200,000 from TDHCA General Revenue funds for the grant period October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014.

The City awarded the Salvation Army a contract for Social Services through the 2010 Request for Proposals process for the Pathways program at their downtown shelter. In 2012 the Salvation Army began housing homeless single women at the downtown shelter in an effort to provide a safe place to sleep in a program called the Safe Sleep

program The Safe Sleep program is a collaborative effort through the Ending Community Homelessness Coalition, funded also by the Religious Coalition. This funding will fund a new contract for the downtown shelter in order to provide additional case management staff, operations for shelter and financial assistance for homeless women to find housing.

#### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Performance Measures will be determined as the contract is developed with TDHCA.

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