

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

37782

Agenda Number

71.

Meeting Date:

November 20, 2014

Department:

Purchasing

## Subject

Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 37-month contract with 33 social service agencies, or other qualified offerors to Request For Proposal No. EAD0116, for self sufficiency social services for the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department in an amount not to exceed \$48,195,681 each and combined, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$16,065,227 each and combined for each extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$96,391,362 each and combined.

## Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. Funding for remaining 36-months of the original contract period and the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

## Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing  
Language:

Best applications received.

Prior Council  
Action:For More  
Information:

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Boards and  
Commission  
Action:

Related Items:

MBE / WBE:

This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.

## Additional Backup Information

In 2012, the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) began planning a competitive solicitation, Request for Application (RFA), for a portion of the existing social service investments which are used to meet the needs of the most vulnerable individuals in our community. This process was designed to address all of the five self-sufficiency goals and distribute funding across a Life Continuum: Early Childhood, Youth, Adults & Families, and Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities. Throughout 2013, HHSD partnered with social service stakeholders including One Voice Central Texas and the Community Advancement Network to gather input and guidance about the RFA structure and competitive process. HHSD also engaged other local grant makers such as Travis County, United Way, and St. David's Foundation to gather input regarding the social service investments currently in place with these agencies.

HHSD presented the social service investment framework and competitive process to the Public Health and Human Services Committee (PHHS) during a number of regular meetings and work sessions. HHSD obtained approval from the PHHS Committee for the RFA and on December 12, 2013, HHSD provided the full City Council a briefing on the social service investment framework approved by PHHS.

The RFA was issued on February 24, 2014 and closed on March 24, 2014. 65 applications were received with three applications being disqualified due to non-compliance with the solicitation requirements. HHSD presented the initial funding recommendation to the PHHS Committee on September 2, 2014. Additional meetings were held with the PHHS Committee throughout September and October to review staff recommendations. On October 31, 2014, the PHHS Committee approved funding recommendations to move forward to City Council for approval.

The social service programs recommended for funding will begin September 1, 2015 for an initial 37-month period ending on September 30, 2018, with three 12-month extension options. Services are varied, but address all of the five self-sufficiency goals and all of the four life continuum categories. 23 of the recommended agencies currently provide social services for the City and 10 of the recommended agencies have provided social services for the City in the past or are currently providing social services through other City funding.

MBE/WBE solicited: 1/2

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

#### **PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. 193 notices were sent including one MBE and two WBEs. 65 applications were received with no response from the MBE/WBEs.
- c. A pricing history is not available due to the range and scope of services provided.

#### **APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. 65 applications received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the PHHS Committee's recommendations.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American Statesman and on the Internet.