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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	50199	Agenda Number	27.
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Meeting Date:	October 1, 2015
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize execution of a 60-month contract with TRAVIS COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVAL DBA SAFEPLACE to provide forensic examinations and evidence collection for sexual assault survivors for the Austin Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$1,847,249, with five 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$401,814 for the first extension option, \$408,384 for the second extension option, \$415,685 for the third extension option, \$424,079 for the forth extension option, and \$433,204 for the fifth extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,930,415.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$93,265 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department. Funding for the remaining 48 months of the original contract period and 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:	Professional Services
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Prior Council Action:	
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.
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Additional Backup Information

The contract will provide forensic examinations, evidence collection, and administrative services for survivors of sexual assault for the Austin Police Department (APD). The sexual assault medical forensic examination is performed by specially trained medical professionals who are licensed as nurses. These nurses perform medical forensic examinations related to sexual assault/abuse, evidence collection, and courtroom testimony. The exams are performed on-site at SafePlace as well as area hospitals, depending on the needs of the survivor.

Per the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, a law enforcement agency who requests a medical examination of a survivor of an alleged sexual assault for use in the investigation or prosecution of the offense shall pay all costs of the examination. Law enforcement is entitled to be reimbursed for the reasonable costs of that examination from the Office of Attorney General. Because of the reimbursement model, the expense to the City is reduced and includes items not covered by the Attorney General such as service fees performed after hours, including weekends and holidays, digital photography images, and administrative fees. Although this is a \$3.9 million contract for 10 years, the actual expense to the City is expected to be \$93,265 annually. The total cost to the City over the life of the agreement is estimated to be \$932,650.

The former provider of these services terminated their contract effective May 29, 2015, two years prior to the original expiration date and has compelled APD to look for other providers of this service. SafePlace has developed a program at the request of the members of the Travis County Sexual Assault Response Team to provide medical forensic examinations. This program is managed by an internationally certified Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner. SafePlace has provided comprehensive direct services to women, children and men victimized by domestic and sexual violence in Travis County since 1974 and is well-respected within our community.