

# AGENDA



## Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	56216	Agenda Number	7.
Meeting Date:	4/7/2016		Department:	Health and Human Services	
Subject					
Authorize negotiation and execution of a social services agreement with THE SALVATION ARMY for childcare and supportive services in an amount not to exceed \$160,000, for a 12-month term beginning July 1, 2016, with five 12-month renewal options, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$960,000.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding in the amount of \$160,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. The initial agreement term is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.					
Fiscal Note					
A fiscal note is not required.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:	On February 11, 2016, Council approved Resolution No. 20160211-018-directing the City Manager to identify ongoing funding in the amount of \$160,000 for childcare services for families in the Passages Program. On February 25, 2016, Council approved Ordinance No. 20160225-01 amending the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20150908-001) to transfer out \$160,000 to the General Fund; and amending the General Fund Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20150908-001) to transfer in \$160,000 from the Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund; and to appropriate \$160,000 to increase expenditures in the Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget for child care services for families in the Passages Program.				
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:					
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					

## Additional Backup Information

Currently, five Travis County organizations work in collaboration with the Salvation Army to coordinate housing and supportive services for homeless single adults and families. Passages is a program administered by the Salvation Army that provides services for homeless families and people on the verge of eviction, and has been funded by the federal Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) for the past 19 years. The program offers subsidized child care to families with children under the age of 12 as a supportive service, which is an essential component in moving families to greater housing and economic stability. HUD is phasing out the childcare services that fall under the Supportive Services category of funding for the Passages program. In July 2016, the Salvation Army will shift the Passages program to the Rapid Re-Housing category and reallocate much of its service dollars to rental assistance.

Since the total amount of the budget cannot be increased, supportive services for subsidized childcare will have to be funded from sources other than HUD, such as the social services agreement being considered today.

Services provided include: The program offers child care to families with children under the age of 12 as a supportive service.

- The average cost of childcare for a child in the Passages program is \$589 per month.
- The average length of care is five months and the maximum time of length of care is nine months.
- Licensed child care centers only and the family is educated about high quality child care
- Parents pay a \$25 per month co-pay in months 3 through 6 and 10% of the cost of care for the remaining three months.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

Outcome: Percent of those receiving homeless services that move into housing

Goal: 75%

Related Departmental Goal: Improve maternal, child and adolescent health outcomes; Assist People in Achieving Stability and Self-Sufficiency.