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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	62542	Agenda Number	14.
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Meeting Date:	9/22/2016	Department:	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Approve negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 5 to the contract with FRONT STEPS, INC to add one twelve-month extension option to provide permanent supportive housing services beginning September 30, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$106,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$106,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget for the Health and Human Services Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On September 8, 2015, Council approved Ordinance No. 20150908-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget. On April 26, 2012, Council approved a 30-month agreement beginning on April 1, 2012 with two twelve-month extension options.
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

On March 25, 2010, Council passed Resolution No. 20100325-053 directing the City Manager to give priority to funding permanent supportive housing (PSH), and develop a comprehensive strategy for the construction and operation of 350 permanent supportive housing units over the next four years.

To that end, the City's Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) conducted a solicitation and sought a Request for Application with a deadline of March 21, 2012 for the provision of social services for homeless individuals in permanent supportive housing units. Two applicants responded and Front Steps, Inc. was the recommended vendor for this funding. On April 26, 2012, Council approved a contract for Front Steps, Inc. to provide permanent supportive housing services to frequent users of the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH) and Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) beginning April 1, 2012 through September 30, 2014, with two twelve-month extensions.

On October 2, 2014, Council passed Resolution No. 20141002-043 directing the City Manager to set a community target of 400 PSH units, with a minimum of 200 dedicated to 'Housing First' PSH, to be delivered through

coordinated, community-wide efforts in the next four years, and adopt updates to the PSH strategy as recommended in the August 2014 PSH Evaluation Report.

This twelve-month extension beginning on September 30, 2016 in the amount of \$106,000 will allow a continuation of the successful provision of PSH services to frequent users of the ARCH and DACC, and leverage essential federal funding from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care program for PSH services.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Output Measure:

Number of Unduplicated Clients Served	12
Percent of households that maintain housing due to receiving essential services:	76%
Percent of individuals who obtain or maintain public benefits:	80%

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

The budget office reviews all HHSD grant application requests prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.