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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	70901	Agenda Number	16.
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Meeting Date:	5/18/2017	Department:	Municipal Court
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with AUSTIN TRAVIS COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH MENTAL RETARDATION CENTER D/B/A INTEGRAL CARE (IC) for the Homelessness Outreach Street Team (HOST), to connect homeless individuals with services necessary to begin their process of stability and recovery, in the amount of \$242,354, for the period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$242,354 is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget for the Municipal Court. .

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Approval of Downtown Austin Community Court Operating Budget to include Interlocal Agreement with Austin Travis County Integral Care on September 14, 2016.
For More Information:	Peter Valdez, Court Administrator for DACC, 512-974-4873.
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The new Homelessness Outreach Street Team, known as HOST, is a partnership between the Austin Police Department (APD), Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Integral Care (IC), Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) and the Downtown Austin Alliance (DAA). Together, these organizations are proactively reaching out to individuals living on the streets to help them connect to the services they need to get back on their feet and reach their full potential.

Integral Care will provide three (3) full time employees to the HOST team: one (1) Program Lead and two (2) Qualified Mental Health Professionals. IC will also provide access to one (1) relief Advance Practice Psychiatric Clinical Nurse.

HOST is one piece of the larger effort to move individuals from homelessness to improved well-being and housing stability. The purpose and goal of HOST is to identify individuals who are homeless, learn what challenges they face and work to connect them to services such as medical and behavioral health care, case management and housing.

HOST launched on June 1, 2016 as a pilot project focused on downtown and West Campus within the boundaries of the Colorado River, Lamar Blvd., 29th Street and IH-35. To link individuals to essential services, HOST works collaboratively with a wide range of organizations including Caritas of Austin, Front Steps, Salvation Army, Trinity Center and Lifeworks, among others.

Outcomes expected from HOST include reduced EMS transports, emergency room visits, and jail bookings, generating significant savings for the community. Austin Travis County Integral Care will work on increasing connection to case management, social services, medical care, behavioral health services, and housing which will help individuals improve their well-being and work toward reaching their full potential.

HOST Performance Measures:

Outputs:

Total Number of contacts: 600

Total Number of unduplicated individuals engaged/served: 500

Total Number of individuals linked to services necessary to begin their process of stability and recovery (housing services, MAP, coordinated assessment, basic needs, PCCP appointments, ID's etc.): 300

Outcomes:

Of the 500 individuals served

10 % receive medical services

5 % diverted from ER visit at the time of service

15 % connected to mental health services

5% diverted from the psychiatric emergency department at the time of service

10 % diversions of criminal justice involvement at the time of service

5 % connected to substance use treatment service