

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

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| Austin City Council | Item ID | 73290 | Agenda Number | 21. |
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| Meeting Date: | 8/17/2017 | Department: | Public Health |
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Subject

Approve negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 7 to the agreement with FRONT STEPS, INC. for the provision of permanent supportive housing services, adding one twelve-month extension option beginning October 1, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$108,438, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$799,285.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$108,438 is contingent on Council approval of the proposed Fiscal 2017-2018 Operating Budget of Austin Pubic Health.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

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| Purchasing Language: | |
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| Prior Council Action: | On September 14, 2016, Council approved Ordinance No. 20160914-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget which authorized Amendment No. 6, adding a 2.3% cost of living increase to all social services agreements. On September 22, 2016, Council approved Amendment No. 5 to add one twelve-month extension option to the agreement beginning September 30, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$106,000. 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: | |
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| Related Items: | |
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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 to 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 Austin Public Health Department conducted a solicitation with a Request for Application for the provision of social services for homeless individuals in permanent supportive housing units resulting in submissions by two applicants, including one by Front Steps, Inc. On April 26, 2012, Council approved an agreement with Front Steps, Inc. for the provision of 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 September 22, 2016, Council approved an additional twelve-month extension option.

On October 2, 2014, Council passed Resolution No. 20141002-043 directing the City Manager to set a community target of 400 additional PSH units to be delivered through coordinated, community-wide efforts in the next four years, and to adopt the updates to the PSH strategy recommended in the August 2014 PSH Evaluation Report.

This twelve-month extension 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

Annual Output Goal – Number of unduplicated clients served: 12

Annual Outcome Goal – Percentage of households that maintain housing due to receiving essential services: 83%

Related Departmental Goal:

Provision: Social Services – Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency and healthy behaviors and lifestyle among targeted populations.