

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: December 14, 2017

Item Number: **040**

Public Health

Approve negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 5 to the agreement with Caritas of Austin, Inc. to increase funding for homelessness prevention and homeless services in an amount not to exceed \$90,299 for the 37-month term ending September 30, 2018, and increase funding for the three extension options in an amount not to exceed \$90,299 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$22,016,802.

Fiscal Note	A fiscal note is not required. Funding in the amount of \$90,299 is included in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget of Austin Public Health. Funding for renewal options is contingent upon the availability of funding in future budgets.
Prior Council Action	<p>On March 2, 2017, Council approved Amendment No. 3, adding a 2.3% cost of living increase to the 37-month agreement and each of the renewal options. On June 23, 2016, Council approved Amendment No. 2 increasing the agreement by \$65,000.</p> <p>On March, 31, 2016, Council approved Amendment No. 1, adding a 6% cost of living increase to the 37-month agreement and each of the renewal options. On November 20, 2014, Council approved Agenda item 20141120-071 approving award, negotiation and execution of this agreement in response to Request for Proposal No. EAD0116 for self-sufficiency social services.</p>
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Additional Backup Information:

Caritas of Austin administers the Best Single Source Plus Collaborative (BSS+C) program, consisting of 12 partner agencies. The BSS+C program provides individuals and families in Austin/Travis County with comprehensive housing stability resources inclusive of case management and basic needs services. This program ensures that clients have access to basic necessities, starting with housing and extending to food, clothing, physical/mental health care, and other supportive services.

The current social services agreement with Caritas of Austin for the BSS+C program was originally awarded through the 2014 Austin Public Health Self-Sufficiency Request for Applications with services beginning on September 1, 2015 for an initial 37-month term ending on September 30, 2018 in the amount of \$9,992,721, with three 12-month extension options in the amount of \$3,330,907 per extension option. Amendment No. 1 included a six percent cost of living increase of \$599,562 to the 37-month base agreement, and an increase of \$199,854 per extension option. Amendment No. 2 included additional one-time funding of \$65,000 for flood disaster financial assistance activities. Amendment No. 3 included a 2.3% increase of \$162,416 to the base agreement, and an increase of \$81,208 per extension option. Amendment No. 4 was a no-cost amendment to adjust sub-grantees for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2018.

During the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget process, Council approved \$701,228 in funding for current social service providers for a cost of living increase which resulted in a 2.5% increase for most social service contracts. Amendment No. 5 will add funding to the BSS+C agreement in an amount not to exceed \$90,299 for the period ending September 30, 2018, and increase the funding amount for each of the three extension options for a total amount not to exceed \$3,702,268 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$22,016,802.

Related Departmental Goal:

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

Performance Measures (still to be finalized):

2890 Total Number of Unduplicated Clients Served

289 Total Number of Unduplicated One-Time Financial Assistance Clients Served

2601 Total Number of Unduplicated Case Managed Clients Served

75% Percent of households at risk of homelessness that maintain housing

70% Percent of case-managed households that transition from homelessness into housing