

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: May 10, 2018

Item Number: 029

Public Health

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 11 to the agreement with Front Steps, Inc. for the provision of homeless social services at the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless to extend the term for a 6-month period from October 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 and add funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,074,529, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$11,542,281.

Lead Department	Austin Public Health.
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$1,074,529 is anticipated to be available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget for Austin Public Health, contingent on Council-approval.
Prior Council Action	On September 26, 2013, Council approved the negotiation and execution of a contract with Front Steps, Inc. on a 7-0 vote.
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Additional Backup Information:

On October 12, 2017, Council approved Resolution No. 20171012-015 directing the City Manager to conduct a stakeholder engagement process to redefine the scope of the Austin

Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH) and to identify a process for rebidding the ARCH agreement. As a result, Austin Public Health (APH) convened stakeholder and community engagement forums to discuss a new scope of services provided at the ARCH, contracted with the National Alliance to End Homelessness to assist in the recommendation process and redesign of the scope of work, and is working with the Bloomberg iTeam in order to generate insights and recommendations from their prior work related to homelessness around and inside the ARCH.

Front Steps, Inc. has been the operator of the ARCH since the opening of the building in 2004. Amendment No. 11 provides for a six-month extension option to ensure services at this 24/7 emergency shelter and day resource center are not interrupted, and to allow the parties to transition to the new scope of work within the new agreement. Execution of Amendment No. 11 is contingent on Council's approval of the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget.

Related Departmental Goal:

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