

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: August 23, 2018

Item Number: 025

Public Health

Approve a resolution to authorize acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$507,524 from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the Housing and Homeless Services Program.

Lead Department	Austin Public Health.
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$507,524 is included in the Austin Public Health Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget.
Prior Council Action	On September 13, 2017, Council approved Ordinance No. 20170913-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget which authorized \$538,000 in grant appropriation for the Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) Grant.
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Additional Backup Information:

The Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) was authorized by the Texas Legislature in the 81st Legislative Session. It was the first program that authorized state funding for homeless services and homelessness prevention. Through HHSP, the State appropriates funding to the

eight largest cities in Texas according to population.

On July 5, 2018, the City received notification of the 2019 allocation of funding for Austin in the amount of \$507,524 for the program period September 1, 2018 - August 31, 2019.

Austin Public Health will allocate HHSP funding to continue emergency shelter services, case management and housing assistance for single adults and families at the Salvation Army Social Service Center Emergency Shelter downtown, and support the federal Emergency Solutions Grant program with financial assistance, case management, and shelter operations at the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH). Performance measures will be negotiated during contract development with these agencies.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.

All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.

This action will provide the resolution required by the Section 7.22(d) of the Texas Administrative Code to be approved by the receiving entity's governing body (1) authorizing execution of the contract for HHSP funds; (2) identifying the title of the person authorized to represent the entity and possesses signature authority to execute the contract; and (3) dated not more than twelve months from the date of contract execution.