



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-1104, **Agenda Item #:** 15.

2/21/2019

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment 1 to the agreement with Family Eldercare, Inc. for the provision of temporary employment opportunities for homeless individuals in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for a seven-month period beginning March 1, 2019, for a total amount not to exceed \$208,000.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$100,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Austin Public Health Operating Budget and \$50,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Parks and Recreation Department Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

On September 11, 2018, Council approved Ordinance No. 20180911-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget including \$100,000 in new funding for alternatives to panhandling on a 10-1 vote with Council Member Troxclair voting no. On August 31, 2017, Council passed Resolution 20170831-054 directing the City Manager to explore temporary work opportunities for those experiencing homelessness and/or panhandling on an 11-0 vote.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Family Eldercare for the Workforce First Program offering temporary work opportunities and supportive services to individuals experiencing homelessness and/or panhandling. The pilot program has exceeded initial goals and will be extended for an additional seven months.

Family Eldercare serves as the administrative and fiscal agent, subcontracting with The Other One's Foundation (TOOF) to provide direct services, outreach, and paid employment opportunities. TOOF's mission is to transition Austin's homeless neighbors into an engaged community, through shelter, support, nourishment, and love.

The initial six-month pilot was a collaboration between the Parks and Recreation Department, Austin Public Health, Family Eldercare and TOOF. The purpose of this project is to provide temporary work opportunities within Austin to those experiencing homelessness, living on the streets, and those who may be utilizing unsafe or illegal methods of obtaining income to meet basic needs. Services include mobile outreach, identification of individual needs, job training, connection to banking opportunities, connection to social services, and assistance addressing obstacles to obtaining employment for workers of all abilities.

The Parks and Recreation Department will be providing \$50,000 in one-time funds for Amendment 1 to this agreement.

Deliverables and performance measures for the extended pilot will be negotiated with Family Eldercare.

Related Departmental Goal:

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