



**RCA  
CITY OF AUSTIN  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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**SUBJECT:** Approve execution of 12-month contracts for HIV-related services with: AIDS SERVICES OF AUSTIN, INC., Austin, TX in an amount not to exceed \$164,561 with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$164,561 per extension for a total contract amount not to exceed \$493,683; AUSTIN LATINO/A LESBIAN AND GAY ORGANIZATION (ALLGO), Austin, TX, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 per extension for total contract amount not to exceed \$450,000; AUSTIN/TRAVIS COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION (MHMR), Austin, TX in an amount not to exceed \$47,000 with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$47,000 per extension for total contract amount not to exceed \$141,000; PROJECT TRANSITIONS, INC., Austin, TX in an amount not to exceed \$49,737 with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$49,737 per extension for total contract amount not to exceed \$149,211; and THE WRIGHT HOUSE WELLNESS CENTER, INC., Austin, TX in an amount not to exceed \$107,500 with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$107,500 per extension for total contract amount not to exceed \$322,500. Each contract period is March 1, 2004 through February 28, 2005.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding in the amount of \$302,633 is available in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Approved Operating Budget of the Health and Human Service Department (HHSD). Funding for the remaining five (5) months of the contract period and any extension options is contingent on available funding in future budgets.

**FISCAL NOTE:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**REQUESTING** Health and Human  
**DEPARTMENT:** Services

**DIRECTOR'S  
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**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** N/A

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** N/A

**PURCHASING:** N/A

**MBE / WBE:** N/A

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**Background**

The City of Austin and Travis County, through an Interlocal Agreement and the ensuing contracts, fund a broad array of social services for eligible individuals, including individuals with HIV/AIDS, in order to maintain or improve overall health, safety, and quality of life. The City provides approximately 60% and the County approximately 40% of the funding for HIV services contracts. Continuing local funding for HIV services is part of the Maintenance of Effort requirement of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act Title I grant. The City/County General fund support for these



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contracts helps secure approximately \$4 million in annual funding under Ryan White Title I.

Following a series of facilitated focus groups and community forums with community stakeholders, Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) released a Request for Applications (RFA) on November 21, 2003, for the purchase of HIV services. The RFA was updated to meet the changing demographics of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Based on Center for Disease Control (CDC) prevention guidance and community input, the RFA addressed more "evidence based" prevention activities and a media campaign targeted for populations that are most affected by HIV/AIDS, especially minority communities. Also, the Information and Referral system is being updated to increase accessibility with 24-hour coverage. A total of \$1,624,625 was requested by six (6) agencies. All of the agencies received a portion of the \$860,737 allocated for various programs. An additional \$80,000 is available for funding of an HIV prevention media campaign. Applications for the media campaign are currently under review and will be included in a Travis County contract(s). Following is the list of the agencies selected for funding under the RFA for the period March 1, 2004 through February 28, 2005.

Agency	City	County*	Total Contract Amount
AIDS Services of Austin	\$164,561	\$301,939	\$ 466,500
ALLGO	150,000	0	150,000
A/TC MHMR C.A.R.E.	47,000	0	47,000
Project Transitions	49,737	0	49,737
United Way Capital Area	40,000	0	40,000**
Wright House Wellness Center	107,500	0	107,500
Total	\$558,798	\$301,939	\$ 860,737

\*An additional \$80,000 for a media campaign will be added through County contracting.

\*\*The contract with United Way Capital Area will be administratively executed in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 per extension for a total contract amount not to exceed \$120,000.

**Performance Measures**

**HHSD Departmental Goal:**

- Preventing the spread of communicable disease and reducing the risk of health complications due to disease and unhealthy behaviors.
- Delivering quality, safety-net health services in partnership with the community.

**Results:**

- 80% of HIV infected/affected clients surveyed who have received healthcare services will report that they have improved or maintained quality of life.
- Callers will receive an average of two distinct referrals per need to appropriate HIV/AIDS service providers or other needed health and human services providers. Services will be provided 24



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hours per day.

**Outputs:**

- 75-85% of clients will self-report a decrease in risk behaviors associated with HIV/AIDS transmission following their participation in a prevention intervention
- 75-85% of clients will report increased knowledge regarding strategies to reduce risk of acquiring HIV following their participation in a prevention intervention
- 310 unduplicated clients will receive case management services
- 175 unduplicated clients will receive provision of food, meals or nutritional supplements.
- 90 unduplicated clients will receive nutritional counseling services
- 40 unduplicated clients will receive acupuncture and/or massage services to alleviate symptoms of HIV disease resulting in an improved quality of life
- 15 unduplicated clients will receive home health care services
- 10 unduplicated clients will receive residential supportive and palliative care

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