



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

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 9  
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**SUBJECT:** Approve a resolution authorizing the execution of nine separate 12-month contracts to provide acute treatment/intervention services between the City of Austin and AUSTIN CHILD GUIDANCE CENTER, AUSTIN CHILDREN'S SHELTER, CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK OF TEXAS, INC., CARITAS OF AUSTIN, CENTER FOR CHILD PROTECTION, MEALS ON WHEELS AND MORE, INC., PATHWAYS COMMUNITY COUNSELING d/b/a LIFE WORKS, SAFEPLACE, and SUSTAINABLE FOOD CENTER for a total cost of \$1,105,474, with six 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$1,105,474 for each renewal term, for a combined total cost to the City not to exceed \$7,738,318.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding in the amount of \$829,105 is included in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Approved Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. The term of each contract is for the period of January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005. Funding for the balance of the contracts and renewal 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  
AUTHORIZATION:** David Lurie

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vince Cobalis, Asst. Director for Human Services, 972-5011; Stephnie Connell, Human Services Administration Manager, 972-5126; Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** Approved 2004-2005 Operating Budget, September 13, 2004.

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

**PURCHASING:** N/A

**MBE / WBE:** N/A

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**Background**

In 2003, City and County staff began making a concerted effort to address concerns regarding the City/County social services investment process that were brought forward during the Community Action Network (CAN) Funding Forum in May 2003, various CAN Resource Council and subcommittee meetings, and at various community planning meetings over the last several years. A summary of the Social Services Investment Process (SSIP) was presented to the Travis County Commissioners Court Worksession on May 13, 2004, and to the Healthcare Subcommittee on May 25, 2004. Feedback from the community groups and elected officials resulted in a comprehensive framework that increases flexibility and maintains critical services. The framework consists of three categories of investments: safety net/infrastructure, coordinated/integrated delivery systems, and component services of continuums of care. This RCA addresses the safety net/infrastructure category of the investment framework.

Safety net/infrastructure agencies provide services that stabilize or provide acute treatment/intervention



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services to meet urgent health, safety and subsistence needs of individuals who have the fewest resources or are least able to secure services or to persons who are victims of violence, abuse or neglect. These will be long-term partners who will have one-year contracts with six annual renewals. The City has contracted with these agencies for many years and the infrastructure investment makes it unlikely that other agencies will be providing these services in the near future. Renewals, however, are not guaranteed and the City could decide not to renew a contract if alternative resources become available.

Contracts for 2005 were negotiated to match available funding and address, to the extent possible, the strategies that were developed by City and County staff for each issue area. Renewals will be negotiated each year at the option of the City. Renewal options are contingent upon performance, available funding in future budgets, and the City's continued need for these services.

**Recommendations**

Based on available funds, staff recommends that the City continue to purchase safety net/infrastructure social services by entering into contracts for Calendar Year 2005 in the following service areas:

- Basic Needs
- Violence and Victimization

The term for the nine social services contracts will begin on January 1, 2005 and end on December 31, 2005. Attachment A provides a list of the social services contractors and the Calendar Year 2005 City contract amount for each.

**Performance Measures**

These services support the Health and Human Services Department's goal of promoting and fostering increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors and lifestyle among targeted populations.

**Outputs**

<u>Issue Area</u>	<u>Performance Measure</u>	<u>FY04-05 Target</u>
Basic Needs	Number of clients served	1,704
Violence and Victimization	Number of clients served	1,544

**Outcomes**

<u>Issue Area</u>	<u>Performance Measure</u>	<u>FY04-05 Target</u>
Basic Needs	Percent of clients surveyed that rate services received meeting their immediate basic needs	95%
Violence and Victimization	Percent of clients in a safer situation	79%

**Requested Council Action**



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Council is requested to approve a resolution authorizing execution of 12-month contracts between the City of Austin and nine social service agencies, at a total cost of \$1,105,474, with six 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$1,105,474 per renewal option, for a combined total cost to the City not to exceed \$7,738,318.

**Attachment A: SAFETY NET Social Service Contracts**

	<b>Agency Name</b>	<b>FY04-05 Amount</b>
1	Austin Child Guidance Center	\$134,982
2	Austin Children's Shelter	\$ 63,126
3	Capital Area Food Bank of Texas, Inc.	\$ 74,113
4	Caritas of Austin	\$170,463
5	Center for Child Protection	\$104,322
6	Meals on Wheels and More, Inc.	\$147,575
7	Pathways Community Counseling dba LifeWorks	\$111,360
8	SafePlace	\$273,799
9	Sustainable Food Center	\$ 25,734
	<b>TOTAL - Social Services SAFETY NET Contracts</b>	<b>\$1,105,474</b>

**RESOLUTION NO. 041118-**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The Council approves nine 12-month social service contracts with the social service agencies listed in attached Exhibit "A" in the corresponding amounts at a total cost not to exceed \$1,105,474, with six annual renewal options in a total amount not to exceed \$1,105,474 per renewal option, for a combined total cost to the City not to exceed \$7,738,318, and authorizes the City Manager or her designee to enter into such contracts on such terms as may be favorable or necessary.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_ November 18 \_\_\_\_\_, 2004

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Shirley A. Brown  
City Clerk

## **Exhibit A**

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