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CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Approve execution of 6-month contracts with two social service agencies: COMMUNITY ADVOCATES FOR TEENS AND PARENTS (CATP), Austin, TX, to provide long-term housing to pregnant and parenting teens and their children, in an amount not to exceed \$28,595, with one 6-month renewal option in an amount not to exceed \$28,594 for the renewal option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$57,189; PUSH UP FOUNDATIONS, INC., Austin, TX, to provide transitional housing services for men and women, in an amount not to exceed \$103,845, with one 6-month renewal option in an amount not to exceed \$103,845 for the renewal option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$207,690.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$198,659 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 June 30, 2005. Funding for the remaining three months of each renewal option is contingent upon 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

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

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

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, and other CAN 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 Healthcare Subcommittee on May 25, 2004 and to Travis County Commissioners around the same time. This feedback 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 components services of continuums of care. It also addresses administrative efficiencies and increased accountability. As part of this increased accountability, City and County contracts with four social service agencies included special conditions to address identified administrative weaknesses.

Community Advocates for Teens and Parents (CATP) provides long-term housing to pregnant and

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parenting teens and their children. CATP was one of the agencies with special conditions. They failed to make sufficient progress on those special conditions and are therefore being recommended for a 6-month conditional contract. Under this contract they will have another opportunity to comply with minimum accountability standards. Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) will provide additional technical assistance to the agency to address these issues. If successful, the contract will be extended to the end of the year and a full 12-month contract will be recommended for 2006.

Push-Up Foundations, Inc. provides transitional housing services for men and women. Under a separate contract through Austin/Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation (A/TCMHMR), they also provide substance abuse services for these clients. Many of the clients are recently released from prison. Due to administrative weaknesses identified in their annual audit and staff monitoring, the County decided not to contract with this agency after February 2004. The City also has invested in the Push-Up facilities and decided to continue funding and provide additional technical assistance to address identified issues. These efforts have met with some success and additional follow-up monitoring was conducted in November 2004. This 6-month contract will provide additional time to assess the success of these efforts and to determine if the agency will continue to remain viable. If successful, the contract will be extended to the end of the year and a full 12-month contract will be recommended for 2006.

As part of the Social Services Improvement Process, accountability standards are being developed to assure that all Social Services agencies meet baseline standards. As these are implemented, staff will continue to provide technical assistance to these agencies in order to help them meet these standards.

Recommendation:

Based on available funds, staff recommends that the City purchase social services by entering into contracts for Calendar Year 2005 in the following non-HIV service area: Homelessness

The term for the two contracts will begin on January 1, 2005 and end on June 30, 2005, with renewal options to extend through December 31, 2005.

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>
Homelessness	Number of unduplicated clients served	173

Outcomes

<u>Issue Area</u>	<u>Performance Measure</u>	<u>FY04-05 Target</u>
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Homelessness	Percent of homeless persons receiving case management and supportive services that move into safe and stable housing	70%
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