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CITY OF AUSTIN  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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**SUBJECT:** Approve execution of 12-month contracts for HIV-related housing services under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grant with AIDS SERVICES OF AUSTIN, Austin, TX, in an amount not to exceed \$782,000, with one 12-month renewal option in an amount not to exceed \$683,105 for the renewal option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,465,105; and PROJECT TRANSITIONS, INC., Austin, TX, in an amount not to exceed \$275,255, with one 12-month renewal option in an amount not to exceed \$275,255 for the renewal option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$550,510.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding in the amount of \$98,895 is included in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Approved Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department Special Revenue Fund, HOPWA-HUD grant and \$958,360 is included in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Approved Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department Special Revenue Fund, HOPWA-HUD grant. The annual grant period is October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005. Funding for 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

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**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** Approved 2004-2005 Operating Budget, September 13, 2004; Approved 2004-2005 City of Austin Annual Action Plan, June 24, 2004.

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

**PURCHASING:** N/A

**MBE / WBE:** N/A

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**Background:**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has provided Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grant funds for HIV-related housing services to be provided in the Austin Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA). The EMA includes Travis, Williamson, Hays, Bastrop, and Caldwell counties. Services under the HOPWA grant have historically included: 1) the provision of housing assistance by making payment(s) to landlords, mortgagors, and utility companies on behalf of eligible HIV positive clients and their family members to prevent them from becoming homeless, or being without essential utilities because of a client's inability to make part or all of a rent, mortgage, or utility payment, and 2) provision of residential housing supportive services for HIV positive clients living in a qualified residential setting. The annual grant award is formula driven and is a function of the total amount of HOPWA housing funds appropriated by the U.S. Congress and the reported number of AIDS



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cases in the Austin EMA. HUD allows three (3) years from the date of receipt to expend each annual grant award.

While the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office is the single point of contact with HUD, the City designates the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department as the program administrator for the HOPWA program. As part of the HUD-required citizen participation plan, input from the community was received which resulted in continued support of both the Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance and Residential Supportive Services programs.

The approved fiscal year 2004-2005 City of Austin Annual Action Plan includes HOPWA funding as follows:

Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance	\$683,105
Residential Supportive Services	\$275,255
Administration	\$ 29,640
	\$988,000

AIDS Services of Austin and Project Transitions are designated grant subrecipients for these two programs within the fiscal year 2004-2005 Annual Action Plan that was approved by Council on June 24, 2004.

Additionally, \$98,895 of unexpended funds is available for carry over from fiscal year 2003-2004. AIDS Services of Austin was the grant sub recipient for the rent, mortgage and utility assistance contract in fiscal year 2003-2004. The projected expenditures for 2003-2004 were overestimated based on current eligibility guidelines. Eligibility guidelines will be modified during the next fiscal year to expand access to HOPWA housing assistance, which will ensure needed services are accessible and that funds are expended by the end of the contract term.

**Performance Measures:**

**Outputs**

- Approximately 600 unduplicated HIV positive clients will receive an estimated 727,260 units of rent, mortgage, and/or utility assistance in varying amounts depending on demonstrated need. One unit=One dollar of Rent, Mortgage, Utility assistance plus a 7% transaction fee.
- Approximately 47 unduplicated HIV positive clients will receive an estimated 11,947 units of residential housing and support services. One unit=One day of residential housing and support services including meals, transportation, life skills training, counseling and assistance in locating long-term housing.

**Results**

- 80% of HIV infected/affected clients surveyed who receive housing assistance or supportive services will report they have improved or maintained their quality of life.



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**Council Requested Action:**

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