



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

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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of Amendment No. 3 to the contract with PUSH UP FOUNDATIONS, INC., Austin, TX to extend the contract to provide transitional housing services from March 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006 in an amount not to exceed \$75,673, with one 6-month renewal option in an amount not to exceed \$110,288, for a combined total amount not to exceed \$185,961.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$130,817 is included in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. Funding for the balance of the renewal option 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: Approved 2005-2006 Operating Budget, September 12, 2005.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

Background

Push-Up Foundations, Inc. provides transitional housing services for men and women. Under a separate contract through A/TC MHMR, they also provide substance abuse services for these clients. Many of the clients are recently released from prison. Although the County decided not to contract with this agency after February 2004, the City has an investment in the Push-Up Foundations, Inc. facilities and decided to continue funding and provide additional technical assistance to address identified issues. These efforts met with some success and follow-up monitoring was conducted. For calendar year 2005, the Council authorized a six-month contract with Push-Up Foundations, Inc. with a six-month renewal option through December 2005. The contract was then extended administratively for two months through February 2006. At this time, the Neighborhood Housing & Community Development Department (NHCD) is working with Push-Up Foundations, Inc. on a plan to address required facility renovations. HHSD is also planning to review their Transitional Housing program by testing internal control systems and monitoring client files for accuracy. This four-month contract, with an optional six-month extension, will provide additional time to complete these efforts. The shorter time frame provides the opportunity to adjust the contract, if necessary, as these assessments are completed. This contract includes the reinstatement of funding previously reduced in FY 2003-2004 and the 3% "Cost of Living" increase for Social Services contracts, approved by Council for the FY 2005-2006 budget.

Performance Measures

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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>2006 Target</u>
Homelessness	Number of unduplicated clients served (annual)	177

Outcomes

<u>Issue Area</u>	<u>Performance Measure</u>	<u>2006 Target</u>
Homelessness	Percent of homeless persons receiving case management and supportive services that move into safe and stable housing	60%

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Council is requested to authorize execution of Amendment No. 3 to the contract with PUSH UP FOUNDATIONS, INC., Austin, TX to extend the contract for provision of transitional housing services from March 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006 at a total cost of \$75,673, with one 6-month renewal option in an amount not to exceed \$110,288, for a combined total cost to the City not to exceed \$185,961.