

**Health and Human Services
CITY OF AUSTIN**

**AGENDA # 10
DATE: 4/20/2006**

**RECOMMENDATION FOR
COUNCIL ACTION**

Subject: Authorize execution of Amendment No. 4 to the 12-month contract with YOUTH AND FAMILY ALLIANCE (aka LifeWorks) Austin, TX, for an expansion of housing and homelessness services to provide additional supportive housing services to teen parents and their children, to increase the contract by \$62,111, for a total 12-month contract amount not to exceed \$182,785 with five 12-month renewal options remaining, in an amount not to exceed \$182,785, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,230,399.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$46,583 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. The contract period is January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. Funding for the remaining three months of the contract and renewal options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Requesting Department: HHSD

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Prior Council Action: Initial Contract Approved November 18, 2004; Approved 2005-2006 Operating Budget September 12, 2005.

Boards and Commission Action:

LifeWorks Amdmt #4

Background

Youth and Family Alliance (aka LifeWorks) was awarded a contract for housing and homelessness services in 2004. The contract amount was \$111,360 and was approved by City Council for calendar year 2005 with six renewal options. The calendar 2005 contract was amended administratively to add \$20,000 to support expenses associated with the renovation of the emergency shelter (i.e., architectural and engineering costs, construction mobilization costs, and kitchen equipment purchases). In addition, in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget, Council included a restoration of the 5.16% cuts, and added a 3% Cost of Living increase to the Social Service contracts.

In 2005, Community Advocates for Teens and Parents (CATP) had a six-month provisional contract, which was not renewed upon expiration (June 2005) due to noncompliance with contract requirements. LifeWorks provides similar services (i.e., supportive housing for teen parents) which, with additional funding, may be expanded to serve additional parenting teens and their children. This action will incorporate the CATP allocation into LifeWorks' base social service contract that has five remaining renewal options.

The requested amendment will provide for an expansion of the Housing and Homelessness program, enabling LifeWorks to provide crisis stabilization and youth development to additional teenage mothers and their children. LifeWorks' target populations are poor and working families and youth who reside in high-risk areas, are homeless, have run away from home, or are in foster care. LifeWorks provides an array of comprehensive services to enable youth to move from crisis into safety and success. Each resident of LifeWorks' housing programs receives intensive case management by a team of social workers and creates an individualized plan of service, which includes action items and goals. As youth achieve goals set in the service plan, they are able to move from emergency housing to transitional housing and finally to supportive housing. This path is intended to move youth from crisis to independence.

Performance Measures

Related Goals

Prevention/Provision: Social Services – Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors and lifestyle among targeted populations

Outcomes

	<u>FY 2006 Goal</u>	
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Amended</u>
Percentage of unduplicated clients who exit Transitional Living Services and move into safe and stable housing	85%	85%

Outputs

	<u>FY 2006 Goal</u>	
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Amended</u>
Number of unduplicated clients provided Transitional Living Services	2	8
Number of days of shelter provided at Transitional Living Services	233	758

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