

AGENDA



Thursday, July 27, 2006

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Health and Human Services RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No. 14


Subject: Approve execution of Amendment #1 to the 12-month disaster relief contract with CARITAS OF AUSTIN, Austin, TX, for the Long-Term Recovery Project of the Best Single Source, to provide additional direct client assistance to support hurricane evacuees in achieving stabilization and self-sufficiency, in an amount not to exceed \$101,391, for a total 12-month contract amount not to exceed \$172,391.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$101,391 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. The contract period is May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007.

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

Additional Backup Material

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 [Caritas DISASTER
RELIEF Amdmt #1 -
\\$101, 391](#)

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Prior Council Action: May 25, 2006, by Resolution No. 20060525-051

06 CARITAS Disaster Relief Amdmt #1 - \$101,391

Prior to FY06, the Best Single Source (BSS) project was funded with one-time funding, initially as a pilot project. Supplemental funding was also provided to SafePlace. In FY06 Council incorporated funding for both programs into the base budget. As a result, there are unallocated funds available for distribution. This action awards \$101,391.

Background

The City received \$256,000 in donations to assist with the needs of Hurricane Katrina evacuees. Through a collaborative planning process, the community identified specific needs deemed essential to support evacuees in their efforts to stabilize their circumstances and to become self-sustaining.

These donations were used to fund six (6) contracts to assist hurricane evacuees: three (3) were awarded administratively and three (3) were approved by City Council on April 20, 2006, including the one referenced in this RCA. This request to approve execution of Amendment #1 to the Caritas of Austin Long-Term Recovery Project of the Best Single Source contract, would utilize social service funds available in the Health and Human Services Department's 2005-2006 operating budget.

The Long Term Recovery Project of the Best Single Source (LTRBSS), a collaborative effort to address the stabilization needs of evacuees, uses Caritas of Austin as the project fiscal agent. LTRBSS is a collaboration of nine community-based organizations that has simplified client access to services, and has centralized project administration with a shared client data and fiscal management system. Partner agencies in the Long-Term Recovery Project have secured other grant funding for comprehensive case management services to evacuees. Services would be tailored to meet the unique needs of the evacuees, and would be in keeping with long-term recovery plans. Funds requested in this RCA would be used to extend the capacity of direct client assistance, addressing needs such as: transportation assistance for relocation, job search, and medical/health visits; co-pays on medications, eye glasses, dentures, and mental health sessions; and, rent and utility assistance when there is no other source of funding.

Performance Measures

Related Goals:

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

Output

	<u>Orig.</u>	<u>New Amend.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Number of unduplicated clients provided direct assistance	142	203	345

Outcomes

Percentage of unduplicated clients for whom direct assistance contributed to stable affordable housing	75%
Percentage of unduplicated clients for whom direct assistance contributed to stable income	80%

Requested Council Action

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