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**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

ITEM No. 18

Subject: Authorize execution of two 12-month contracts for HIV-related housing services with AIDS SERVICES OF AUSTIN, INC., Austin, TX in an amount not to exceed \$649,270, with two 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$649,270 per renewal option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,947,810; and, PROJECT TRANSITIONS, INC, Austin, TX, in an amount not to exceed \$262,800, with two 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$262,800 per renewal option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$788,400.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$940,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007 Approved Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) Special Revenue Fund HOPWA-HUD grant program. The contract period is October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007; the grant period is October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2009.

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

**Additional Backup
Material**

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**HOPWA -- FY07
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Boards and Commission Action: The Community Development Commission approved the Annual Action Plan on July 17, 2006.

Prior Council Action: July 27, 2006, Council approved the Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2006-2007, related to allocation of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant funds.

HOPWA – FY-7 CONTRACTS

Background

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) formula grant funds in the amount of \$940,000 for HIV-related housing services to be provided in the Austin Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA). This is a \$9,000 increase from FY2006. The EMA includes Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis and Williamson counties.

Services under the HOPWA grant include the provision of short-term temporary housing assistance by making payment(s) to landlords on behalf of eligible HIV positive clients, at risk of becoming homeless, to remain in their current residences. Rental assistance includes payment of rent and utilities on behalf of the client to prevent homelessness or of being without essential utility services. HUD guidelines for the HOPWA grant also permit the provision of residential housing and supportive services for clients with HIV living in the qualified residence. The annual HOPWA grant awards are based on a statutory formula that relies on cumulative AIDS cases. Metropolitan areas with a population of more than 500,000 and at least 1,500 cumulative AIDS cases are eligible for HOPWA Formula Grants. HUD allows three (3) years from the date of receipt in which to expend each annual grant award.

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

AIDS Services of Austin (ASA) and Project Transitions (PT) are designated grant subrecipients for these two programs within the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Annual Action Plan which was approved by the Council on July 27, 2006. The subrecipients collaborate with four other HIV case management services providers in the provision of HOPWA housing services.

The HOPWA grant funds will be distributed as follows:

Rental/Emergency Housing assistance (ASA)	\$649,270
Residential Supportive Services (PT)	\$262,800
Administrative Agency (HHSD)	<u>\$ 27,930</u>
Total HOPWA Grant	\$940,000

Performance Measures

HHSD Related Departmental Goal

Prevention/Provision: Social Services

Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors and lifestyle among targeted populations.

Output Measures

Through AIDS SERVICES OF AUSTIN, approximately, 450 eligible households will be able to access or retain affordable housing through receipt of rent, mortgage, and/or utility assistance in varying amounts depending on demonstrated need.

Through PROJECT TRANSITIONS, INC. approximately, 90 unduplicated HIV positive clients will receive apartment-style housing and scattered site housing and supportive services including facility-based meals, client advocacy, transportation and assistance with obtaining permanent housing.

Outcome Measure

In the Austin EMA, 70% of clients receiving HOPWA assistance will maintain a stable living environment that is decent, safe, and sanitary.