

## AGENDA



Thursday, June 24, 2010

**Health and Human Services  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
**Item No. 28**

**Subject:** Approve execution of amendments to four contracts to increase funding for HIV core medical and support services under the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part A grant program: AIDS SERVICES OF AUSTIN, INC. in an amount not to exceed \$41,431 for a total 12-month renewal amount not to exceed \$963,574 for March 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011, and a revised total two-year contract amount not to exceed \$1,885,716; PROJECT TRANSITIONS, INC. in an amount not to exceed \$3,397 for a total 12-month renewal amount not to exceed \$70,000 for March 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011, and a revised total two-year contract amount not to exceed \$170,000; WATERLOO COUNSELING CENTER, INC. in an amount not to exceed \$32,442 for a total 12-month renewal amount not to exceed \$102,211 for March 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011, and a revised total two-year contract amount not to exceed \$171,980; THE WRIGHT HOUSE WELLNESS CENTER, INC. in an amount not to exceed \$7,301 for a total 12-month renewal amount not to exceed \$136,066 for March 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011, and a revised total two-year contract amount not to exceed \$264,831.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$84,571 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) Special Revenue Fund, Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Project Grant. The grant period is March 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011. Related to #27.

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

**For More Information:** Vince Cobalis, Assistant Director for Human Services, 972-5011; Mark Peppler, Manager, HIV Resources Administration 972-5081; Laura Polio, Interim Agenda Coordinator, 972-5010.

**Prior Council Action:** August 27, 2009 and December 17, 2009 - Council approved amendments to grant fiscal year 2009 contracts.

**BACKGROUND**

The City of Austin Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) received a notice of a grant award (NGA) issued on March 5, 2010, in the amount of \$3,188,658 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009, Part A HIV Emergency Relief Project Grant. The Grant Fiscal Year 2010 period is March 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011. On April 1, 2010, DHHS issued another NGA for the supplemental portion of the Part A Grant Fiscal Year 2010 award in the amount of \$1,160,317, for a total 12-month amount of \$4,348,975, of which, \$84,571 is requested to amend the four HIV services contracts.

On October 7, 2009, the Austin Area Comprehensive HIV Planning Council completed its legislatively mandated responsibility of prioritizing services and reallocating 2010 Part A grant funds by HIV service category based on demonstrated need through its annual planning process. This reallocation combined with the total amount of the Part A Grant Fiscal Year 2010 award resulted in exceeding current approved 12-month renewal option limit for four HIV services contracts. There are no remaining renewal options. A Request for Application (RFA) process for the Ryan White Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS) Program Part A services will be conducted in the fall of 2010 for services beginning March 1, 2011.

The purpose of the Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Project is to provide support to clients who have been affected by HIV/AIDS and who reside in the five-county Transitional Grant Area (TGA) that includes Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson counties. The program's goal is to assure access to primary medical care and medications as well as ensure the provision of critical support services necessary to maintain individuals in the system of HIV care. The Part A grant focuses on the delivery of outpatient ambulatory medical care, local AIDS pharmaceutical assistance, oral health care, mental health services, substance abuse services, case management, health insurance premium assistance, medical nutrition therapy, residential hospice, medical transportation, outreach, early intervention services, and food bank services to persons living with HIV/AIDS. These services are provided in partnership with local organizations. In addition to the five HIV services providers named in Attachment A, provider agencies include Central Texas Community Health Centers, Inc., Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center, and HHSD Communicable Disease Unit.

All Department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

HHSD Related Departmental Goal:

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

Attachment A includes a funding summary by agency and HIV service category with revised 12-month performance measures for the four contracts.