Thursday, November 18, 2010

Health and Human Services RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 21

Subject: Authorize City Manager to negotiate and execute the renewal of the Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Shelter for Homeless Women and Children with TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS for an additional five-year term beginning April 1, 2011.

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

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Prior Council Action: May 3, 2001 - Council approved the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Austin and Travis County for use of the property locally known as 4523 Tannehill Lane, Austin, Texas, by the City of Austin as an emergency shelter for homeless women and/or homeless women and their children.

Approval of this Recommendation for Council Action (RCA) will authorize negotiation and execution of the five-year renewal of the term of the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between Travis County and the City of Austin for emergency shelter for homeless women and children. The emergency shelter is located at 4523 Tannehill Lane, Austin, Texas and is owned by Travis County. The ILA is a no-cost agreement for the use of the facility and property for the purpose of providing emergency shelter for homeless women and children.

The initial ten year term of the Agreement is scheduled to terminate on March 31, 2011, and the Agreement provides that it is subject to renewal for two additional five year terms at the option of the City and County. The renewal term would commence upon the expiration of the current term on April 1, 2011, and continue through March 31, 2016.

The Agreement provides that, after notice by the City of its desire to renew the term of the Agreement before November 1, 2010, the County shall determine whether it is satisfied with the operation of the Emergency Shelter and notify the City whether it is willing to renew the Agreement before December 12, 2010. The City's Real Estate Officer has provided timely notice of the City's desire to renew the term.

In addition to the exercise of this renewal opportunity, the City is interested in clarifying certain aspects of the Agreement, determining the feasibility of enlarging the facilities within the Emergency Shelter property, and extending the potential term of the Agreement beyond the two available remaining five year terms.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Related Departmental Goal: Provision: Social Services – Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors, and lifestyle among targeted populations.