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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	38114	Agenda Number	44.
Meeting Date:	12/11/2014	Department:	Health and Human Services	
Subject				
Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with The Salvation Army, Inc. to fund the Safe Sleep program for women and families for a nine-month term beginning on December 1, 2014, and ending August 31, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$223,152 in grant funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Homeless Housing and Services Program with five 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$223,152 per renewal option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,338,912.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding in the amount of \$223,152 is available from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Homeless Housing and Services Program Funds. The grant period is October 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015. Funding for the renewal options is contingent upon the availability of funding in future budgets.				
Fiscal Note				
A fiscal note is not required.				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:	On September 9, 2014, Council approved the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget, Special Revenue Fund Ordinance No. 20140908-001.			
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Boards and Commission Action:				
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:				
Additional Backup Information				
<p>The Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) was initially authorized by the Texas Legislature in the 81st Legislative Session. It was the first program that authorized state funding for homeless services and homelessness prevention. The appropriation is divided among the eight largest cities in Texas according to population. Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) was assigned to administer the HHSP grant.</p> <p>On October 30, 2014, the City received notification of an additional \$23,745 resulting in an increase in funding to \$512,272 from the previous year's authorization of \$488,527 of TDHCA General Revenue funds for the grant period October 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015.</p> <p>In 2012, the Salvation Army began housing additional homeless single women at the downtown shelter in an effort to provide a safe and secure place to sleep in a program called Safe Sleep. This contract will provide funding for the Safe Sleep program allowing for additional case management staff, financial assistance for homeless women to find housing, and operational costs for the downtown shelter.</p> <p>PERFORMANCE MEASURES: Performance Measures will be determined as the contract is developed with Salvation Army.</p> <p>Related Departmental Goal: Provision: Social Services – Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors, and lifestyle among targeted populations.</p> <p>The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.</p>				