

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	Item ID	59220	Agenda Number	28.
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Meeting Date:	6/23/2016	Department:	Health and Human Services
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**Subject**

Approve negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 2 to the agreement with CARITAS OF AUSTIN to increase funding for flood disaster financial assistance activities, with one-time funding in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

One-time funding in the amount of \$65,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office. 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 March, 31, 2016, Council approved Amendment No. 1 increasing the contract by 6%. On September 8, 2015, Council approved Ordinance No. 20150908-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget. On November 20, 2014, Council approved a 37-month agreement beginning on September 1, 2015 with three 12-month extension options.
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

**Additional Backup Information**

Caritas of Austin (Caritas) administers the Best Single Source Plus Collaborative (BSS+C) program, consisting of 13 partner agencies. The BSS+C program provides individuals and families in Austin/Travis County with comprehensive housing stability resources inclusive of case management and basic needs services. This program ensures that clients have access to basic necessities, starting with housing and extending to food, clothing, physical/mental health care, and other supportive services.

The City previously entered into a \$10,592,283 multiyear agreement with Caritas. The BSS+C program was requested to provide services to individuals and families affected by the Onion Creek floods in October 2015. Through the flood recovery response, the BSS+C program redirected funding originally planned for individuals and families who were assessed for imminent housing stability crisis to victims of the Onion Creek floods. Services provided to the flood victims are the same as provided by the BSS+C program. The funding of \$65,000 in this amendment will enable Caritas, through the BSS+C program, to serve the originally planned target population, as well as the additional individuals and families affected by the Onion Creek floods in October 2015. The new total amount for the current 12-month term of this agreement is \$3,595,761.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

1. Total number of unduplicated clients served: 3,246
2. Total Case Managed Clients: 2,944
3. Total One-Time-Financial Assistance Clients: 399

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