

# **Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council Item ID 67436 Agenda Number 16.

Meeting Date: 2/16/2017 Department: Public Health

# Subject

Approve negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 3 to an agreement with CARITAS OF AUSTIN to increase funding for the provision of housing stability resources in an amount not to exceed \$162,416 for a 37-month term from September 1, 2015 through September 30, 2018, and increase funding for the three remaining 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$81,208 per renewal option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$10,819,699.

# Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$81,208 is included in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget of Austin Public Health. Funding for the renewal options is contingent upon the availability of funding in future budgets.

### Fiscal Note

#### A fiscal note is not required.

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Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On September 14, 2016 Council approved Ordinance No. 20160914-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget. On June 23, 2016, Council approved Amendment #2 increasing the agreement by \$65,000. On March, 31, 2016, Council approved Amendment #1 increasing the agreement by 6%. On November 20, 2014, Council approved agenda item 20141120-071 approving award, negotiation and execution of this agreement in response to Request for Proposal No. EAD0116 for self-sufficiency social services.
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Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

## Additional Backup Information

The current social service agreement with Caritas of Austin was awarded through the 2014 Health and Human Services Department Self-Sufficiency Request for Applications with services beginning on September 1, 2015 for an initial 37-month term ending on September 30, 2018 in the amount of \$9,992,721, with three 12-month extension options in the amount of \$3,330,907 per extension option. Amendment No. 1 included a six percent increase of \$599,562 and Amendment No. 2 included additional one-time funding of \$65,000 for flood disaster financial assistance activities. Amendment No. 3 will allocate additional funding approved by Council during the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget adoption process for an annual increase in the amount of \$81,208 resulting from the \$600,000 approved for current social service providers that equated to a 2.3% "cost-of-doing business" increase for each social service provider.

Caritas of Austin 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.

# **Performance Measures:**

# Output Measures:

- 1. Total number of unduplicated clients served: 3,091
- 2. Total Case Managed Clients: 2,823
- 3. Total One-Time-Financial Assistance Clients: 268

### Outcome Measures:

- 1. Percent of households at risk of homelessness that maintain housing: 75%
- 2. Percent of case-managed households that transition from homelessness to housing: 70%

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