

## AGENDA



## Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	68225	Agenda Number	18.
Meeting Date:	2/16/2017		Department:	Public Health
Subject				
Approve negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 1 to a contract with CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CENTRAL TEXAS to increase funding for legal and counseling services to immigrants in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the period April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$800,000.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding in the amount of \$200,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget of the Support Services Fund. Funding for the five 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 December 15, 2016, Council approved Resolution No. 20161215-066 directing the City Manager to identify emergency funding for immigrant legal services. On September 14, 2016, Council approved Ordinance No. 20160914-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget. On March 31, 2016, Council approved agenda item 20160331-020 authorizing award, negotiation and execution of this agreement in response to Request for Applications No. HE2016RK for health equity services. On September 8, 2015, Council approved Ordinance No. 20150908-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget. On May 7, 2015, Council passed Resolution No. 20150507-027 directing the City Manager to establish a working group focusing on health and economic equity.			
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:				
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:				
Additional Backup Information				

On December 16, 2016, Council approved Resolution 20161215-066 directing the City Manager to work with City departments to identify emergency funding for immigrant legal services and outreach efforts with a goal of assisting 100 additional Austinites per month than are currently served, and to strongly consider expansion of existing contracts that could best perform these services as soon as possible.

Austin Public Health (APH) currently manages a social services contract with Catholic Charities of Central Texas (CCCTX) to provide immigrant legal services and counseling. This contract was awarded to CCCTX as a result of the APH solicitation in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for health equity services. This contract was effective April 1, 2016 in the amount of \$100,000 for a 12-month term with five renewal options each in the amount of \$100,000. The program provides education through "Immigration 101" sessions at libraries and churches in the community, assistance in obtaining legal authorization to work in the United States and securing immigration status, and counseling services to immigrants previously involved in a traumatic experience.

CCCTX documentation indicates 50 additional client consultations per month would be served by hiring additional staff, adding appointment availability outside regular office hours, and increasing general operating funds to expand the services in their current contract.

## **PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

### **Output Measure:**

Total Number of Unduplicated Clients Served: 134

### **Outcome Measure:**

Percent of individuals whose mental health status as measured on a standardized assessment improves: 75%

Percent of individuals who obtain or maintain public benefits: 90%

Percent of client consultations becoming full representation clients: 55%

**RELATED DEPARTMENTAL GOAL:** Promote a healthy community by addressing the needs of vulnerable households.