

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: December 14, 2017

Item Number: **031**

Public Health

Approve negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 3 to the agreement with Foundation Communities, Inc. for permanent supportive housing services to increase funding in an amount not to exceed \$241,500 and add a nine-month extension option beginning January 1, 2018, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,288,000.

Lead Department	Austin Public Health.
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$241,500 is included in the Austin Public Health Fiscal Year 2017-18, 1115 Medicaid Waiver budget.
Prior Council Action	On March 2, 2017 Council approved Amendment No. 2 to add one eight month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$241,500. On November 20, 2014, following a competitive solicitation process for expanded services, Council approved a 30-month agreement with Foundation Communities beginning November 1, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$805,000. On August 2, 2012, Council approved Resolution No. 20120802-029 supporting participation in the Federal 1115 Medicaid Waiver Program.
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Additional Backup Information:

On March 25, 2010, City Council passed Resolution No. 20100325-053 directing the City Manager to give priority to funding permanent supportive housing (PSH) units for vulnerable populations with annual incomes at or below 30 percent median family income, and to develop a comprehensive strategy for the construction and operation of 350 PSH units over the next four years. On October 2, 2014, Council passed Resolution No. 20141002-043 directing the City Manager to set a community target of 400 PSH units, with a minimum of 200 units dedicated to "Housing First" PSH to be delivered through coordinated, community-wide efforts in the next four years, and to adopt updates recommended in the August 2014 PSH Evaluation Report.

As part of the community-wide PSH strategy, Austin Public Health submitted a Region 7 Medicaid Waiver Application to the Travis County Healthcare District, dba Central Health that included a request for a three-year 1115 Medicaid Waiver expansion project to serve PSH clients. Following a competitive solicitation process, Foundation Communities was awarded a 30-month agreement beginning November 1, 2014 to provide PSH services. The Medicaid 1115 Waiver project enhances the City's existing PSH strategy by providing Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) services to individuals who have experienced chronic homelessness and co-occurring psychiatric, substance abuse, and/or chronic medical conditions. In May 2016, the Texas Health and Human Service Commission announced a 15-month extension of all Medicaid 1115 Waiver projects beyond the original end date of September 30, 2016. Amendment No. 1 to this agreement was a no-cost administrative amendment. Amendment No. 2 to this agreement added \$241,500 and extended the term with Foundation Communities through December 31, 2017. Amendment No. 3 to this agreement would extend the term with Foundation Communities through September 30, 2018.

Through this agreement, Foundation Communities will continue to provide ACT services to formerly homeless individuals residing in PSH. Services include case management, mental health and substance abuse treatment, primary medical care, individual supportive therapy, and mobile crisis intervention. These services will be provided to formerly chronically homeless individuals that may require services 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The goal of the ACT program is to assist participants in achieving housing stability, connect to a medical home, and ultimately live healthy, happy lives. Other goals include avoiding the need for public emergency assistance and hospital inpatient readmissions, averting involvement in the criminal justice system, promoting wellness and medication adherence, and ultimately recovering from substance abuse.

Performance Measures

Output Measure:

Annual Number of Unduplicated Clients Served: 40

Outcome Measure:

Percent of individuals receiving specialized interventions who demonstrate improved functional status on the Adults Needs and Strengths Assessment: Minimum 20%

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

Performance Measures (still to be finalized):

40 Total Number of Unduplicated Clients Served

20% Percentage of individuals with co-morbid conditions receiving specialized interventions for at least 12 months who demonstrate improved functional status on the Adult Needs and Strengths Assessment