

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: December 14, 2017

Item Number: 032

Public Health

Approve negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 2 to the federally funded Emergency Solutions Grant agreement with Front Steps, Inc. for the provision of homeless services for a 12-month term through September 30, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$249,091, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$549,091.

Lead Department	Austin Public Health.
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$249,091 is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20170913-001). Funding for extension options is contingent on annual funding appropriations.
Prior Council Action	On December 7, 2017 Austin City Council approved acceptance of the additional federal Emergency Solutions Grant funding of \$249,091.
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Additional Backup Information:

On June 30, 2017, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) informed the City that there would be an additional \$249,091 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding available for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. The additional funds from HUD are meant to assist Continuum of Care that lost capacity in recent years, and is considered one-time funding with an allocation period of two years from 2017-2019. Funds will be awarded to Front Steps to increase Rapid Rehousing capacity in support of local initiatives to address homelessness in the downtown area.

The original agreement with Front Steps, Inc. for provision of ESG Rapid Rehousing services was a twelve-month term for \$50,000 that ended September 30, 2017. Amendment No. 1 added one twelve-month renewal option for \$50,000 ending September 30, 2018. Amendment No. 2 adds one-time funding of \$249,091 to the current agreement period ending September 30, 2018. Front Steps will coordinate with other community partners to provide Rapid Rehousing services to persons experiencing homelessness, including case management, housing location, and financial assistance.

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

Front Steps - ESG Rapid Rehousing

Performance Measures (still to be finalized):

65 Total Number of Unduplicated Clients Served

86% Percent of case-managed households that transition from homelessness into housing