

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: December 14, 2017

Item Number: 036

Public Health

Approve negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 11 to the agreement with The Salvation Army for operation of the Austin Shelter for Women and Children, adding funding in an amount not to exceed \$110,726 for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2018, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$13,830,067.

Lead Department	Austin Public Health.
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$110,726 is included in the Austin Public Health Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget.
Prior Council Action	On November 18, 2010, Council approved the initial agreement. On January 26, 2012, Council approved Amendment No. 1 to add state Housing and Homeless Services funds for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20110912-005). On September 17, 2015 Council approved Amendment No. 6 to add two 12-month extension options. On June 16, 2016, Council approved Amendment No. 7 to add a 6% increase in annual funding to the agreement. On August 17, 2017 Council approved Amendment No. 10 to add one 12-month extension option for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.
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Additional Backup Information:

During the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget adoption process, Council approved \$701,228 in funding for current social service providers for a cost of living increase, which resulted in a 2.5% increase for most social service contracts. Council approved an additional \$65,000 for the Austin Shelter for Women and Children to support the total bed expansion from recent construction. Amendment No. 11 will increase funding by \$110,726, which includes the \$65,000 and 2.5% cost of living increase or \$45,726, for the agreement period ending September 30, 2018.

The Austin Shelter for Women and Children is currently under renovation as approved by voters in 2012. The facility located at 4523 Tannehill Lane is operated by The Salvation Army. Construction started in Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and will last throughout the first portion of 2017-2018 to expand the shelter by 32-34 additional beds, build a new detached child care center, and address critical facility needs.

Since October 8, 2001, the City has contracted with The Salvation Army for the operation of the Austin Shelter for Women and Children (ASWC), a comprehensive emergency shelter that serves homeless adult women, including those with dependent children under the age of 17. The shelter, located at 4523 Tannehill Lane in Austin, is owned by the County and leased at no charge to the City.

The goal of the ASWC is to aid homeless women and their children with their transition from homelessness into attaining and maintaining self-sufficiency. The shelter operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Comprehensive services are provided in a caring, supporting and encouraging environment. Objectives focus on obtaining safe and stable housing with income necessary to support personal stability. A high priority is placed on children's services, which include licensed child care, child/family therapy, specialized school aged children's groups and after-school tutoring, and transportation to local schools.

The goals of ASWC are designed to effectively transition shelter residents out of homelessness by providing emergency shelter (30 to 90 days), case management services (3-18 months), assistance in accessing coordinated mainstream resources, and support in exiting to permanent housing.

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

Performance Measures (still to be finalized):

315 Total Number of Unduplicated Clients Served

236 Number of adults and children who exit to safe and stable housing

20,802 Number of client bed nights of shelter provided to adults and children

75% Percent of case-managed households that transition from homelessness into housing

65% Percent of individuals increasing employment income

100% Percent of Homeless Households residing in shelter programs receiving HHSD-funding who receive case management services