

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: June 28, 2018

Item Number: **048**

Public Health

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with three social services agencies to provide homeless rapid re-housing services in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, for a 15-month term beginning July 1, 2018, with four 12-month extension options not to exceed \$400,000 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.

Lead Department	Austin Public Health.
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$400,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.
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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute separate agreements with Family Eldercare, Youth and Family Alliance dba LifeWorks, and Casa Marianella for rapid re-housing services for individuals and/or families experiencing homelessness.

On April 20, 2018, Austin Public Health issued a Request for Applications with a deadline of May 18, 2018 and received four applications. The objective of this competitive solicitation was to

establish one or more agreements with qualified nonprofits or government entities for the provision of rapid re-housing services for individuals and/or families experiencing homelessness. Applicants were required to have successful record of providing services to homeless individuals and/or families, administering financial assistance for housing related expenses, finding housing for individuals/families with high housing barriers, and coordinating with outreach programs.

Council approved new homeless services funding in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget, with rapid re-housing designated as a primary purpose. According to a December 2017 briefing from the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, rapid re-housing is an evidence-based intervention for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. It is cost effective, has high rates of placement into permanent housing, and increases family self-sufficiency. The Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (or ECHO) Draft Needs and Gaps Report released September 1, 2017 identified 70% of 2,600 (or 1,820) homeless households in Austin/Travis County were in need of rapid re-housing services. The rapid re-housing service model aligns with proposed actions in the Action Plan to End Homelessness endorsed by Council on April 26, 2018. Additionally, rapid re-housing outcomes will impact multiple homeless metrics in Austin's Strategic Direction 2023, adopted by Council on March 8, 2018.

Recommended Agencies:

Family Eldercare will provide rapid re-housing services to homeless households consisting of individuals age 55 and older, for an initial 15-month term in an amount not to exceed \$157,750, with up to four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$157,750 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$788,750.

Youth and Family Alliance, dba LifeWorks, will provide rapid re-housing services to youth ages 18 - 24 experiencing homelessness, for an initial 15-month term in an amount not to exceed \$121,125, with up to four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$121,125 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$605,625.

Casa Marianella will provide rapid re-housing services to immigrants, asylum seekers, refugees and trafficking victims experiencing homelessness, for an initial 15-month term in an amount not to exceed \$121,125, with up to four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$121,125 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$605,625.