

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: August 23, 2018

Item Number: 022

Public Health

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Foundation Communities, Inc. for the provision of health insurance enrollment services in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the 12-month period beginning October 1, 2018, with up to four 12-month extension options not to exceed \$100,000 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$500,000.

Lead Department	Austin Public Health.
Fiscal Note	Funding for the agreement is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.
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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute an agreement with Foundation Communities, Inc. for Affordable Care Act (ACA) enrollment services.

On May 15, 2018, Austin Public Health issued a competitive solicitation for the purpose of establishing a social services grant agreement with a qualified nonprofit or governmental entity to provide health insurance enrollment services to include, but not be limited to client enrollment in the ACA health insurance marketplace during Open and Special Enrollment

periods, assistance to clients with high medical needs, and navigation and management of complex cases including referrals, follow up and case resolution. Applications were due June 15, 2018. Two applications were received and the applicant receiving the highest score was Foundation Communities.

Foundation Communities is a nationally recognized nonprofit organization with 28 years of experience providing quality affordable housing and wrap-around supportive services to low and moderate income families and individuals in Texas. Foundation Communities' Insure Central Texas (ICT) program is the largest provider of in-person education, enrollment, and ACA navigation services in the Austin area.

The ICT program teaches providers and consumers about the ACA, walks consumers through the entire enrollment and plan selection process, and helps the newly insured maintain and use their insurance. ICT offers services year-round to accommodate Open Enrollment, Special Enrollment, and qualifying events, as well as provide navigation services for clients with high medical needs and disabling conditions, including cancer and diabetes. ICT also offers assistance to clients who qualify for enrollment in the Children's Health Insurance Program, Medicaid, or local safety net programs, including sliding fee scale clinics and lower-cost counseling services.