

Item #23: Authorize negotiation and execution of amendments to contracts to increase funding for HIV social services with the following providers: AIDS Services of Austin, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$85,939 for a 12-month term beginning March 1, 2018 and \$239,112 for a 12-month term beginning March 1, 2019, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$5,166,196; Community Action, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$16,043 for a 12-month term beginning March 1, 2018 and \$21,929 for a 12-month term beginning March 1, 2019, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$173,014; Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center d/b/a Integral Care in an amount not to exceed \$76,830 for a 12-month term beginning March 1, 2018 and \$114,857 for a 12-month term beginning March 1, 2019, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$1,164,524; Central Texas Community Health Centers d/b/a Community Care in an amount not to exceed \$82,466 for a 12-month term beginning March 1, 2018 and \$256,341 for a 12-month term beginning March 1, 2019, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$5,636,327; Project Transitions, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$54,451 for a 12-month term beginning March 1, 2018 and \$66,619 for a 12-month term beginning March 1, 2019, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$470,114; The Wright House Wellness Center, Inc., d/b/a ASHwell in an amount not to exceed \$71,938 for a 12-month term beginning March 1, 2018 and \$105,705 for a 12-month term beginning March 1, 2019, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$1,039,837.

QUESTION:

How were these organizations selected? And are these recurring funds?

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ANSWER:

Ryan White Part A Grant-funded organizations were selected through a City of Austin solicitation in 2012. The awarding entity, the U.S. Health and Human Services Department and its sub-agencies, expect Part A grant awards to be competed periodically by the Recipient, the City of Austin. Austin Public Health, which administers the grant, plans to conduct the next competitive solicitation in 2019, with resulting sub recipient awards to be effective with 2020 contracts.

Ryan White Part A is a recurring Federal annual grant to serve Persons Living With HIV (PLWH), and has been awarded to the City since approximately 1991. Part A is targeted to provide emergency relief assistance to especially hard-hit urban areas that meet certain thresholds of HIV-positive individuals. Each year's Part A grant application to HRSA is competitive; the award received each year is based on a combination of the estimated number of PLWH in the Transitional Grant Area (TGA) and the application score. The Austin TGA 2018 application score was 96 out of 100. The 2018 total grant award is \$4,920,729.

Both the grant funding and the sub recipient contracts are recurring, but the grant amount and the services funded under it change from year to year. Services funded by Part A may change based on the allocation directives of the HIV Planning Council, a City Commission. Sub recipient contractors and their respective funded services may change based on actual award amounts, HIV Planning Council allocation directives, and competitive solicitations.