

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: November 29, 2018

Item Number: 019

Public Health

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 1 with Youth and Family Alliance, dba LifeWorks, to expand youth homeless services by increasing funding in an amount not to exceed \$160,000 for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$765,625.

Lead Department	Austin Public Health.
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$160,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Austin Public Health Department's Operating Budget.
Prior Council Action	On September 11, 2018, Council approved Ordinance No. 20180911-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget, including \$160,000 in one-time funding to be used as a required match for a federal youth demonstration grant on a 10-1 vote with Council Member Troxclair voting no. On June 28, 2018, Council approved a 15-month agreement with LifeWorks with up to four 12-month extension options for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$605,625 on an 11-0 vote.
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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Youth and Family Alliance, dba LifeWorks, for expanded provision of rapid rehousing services for homeless youth. In the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget, Council approved \$160,000 in one-time funding to be used as match for a grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's for their Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program for the current agreement term ending September 30, 2019. Austin/Travis County was one of ten communities selected out of 130 applicants for the \$5.2M grant over a two-year period.

On April 20, 2018, Austin Public Health issued a Request for Applications 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. Through that process, LifeWorks was awarded an agreement to provide rapid re-housing services to youth ages 18 - 24 experiencing homelessness, for an initial 15-month term ending September 30, 2019.

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 rapid re-housing service model aligns with proposed solutions in the Action Plan to End Homelessness endorsed by Council on April 26, 2018. Rapid re-housing outcomes in the agreement with LifeWorks will contribute to multiple homeless metrics in Austin's Strategic Direction 2023, adopted by Council on March 8, 2018.