



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 19-2479, **Agenda Item #:** 20.

8/8/2019

### Posting Language

Authorize the negotiation and execution of Amendment #4 to the interlocal agreement with Austin Travis County Mental Retardation Center dba Integral Care for the Homeless Outreach Street Team, to connect homeless individuals and families with services necessary to begin their process of stability and recovery, by increasing funding for the two remaining 12-month renewal options in the amount of \$20,000 per renewal option, beginning October 1, 2019, for a total increase to the agreement in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.

### Lead Department

Community Court

### Fiscal Note

Funding for this agreement is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### Prior Council Action:

On August 30, 2018, Council approved agenda item 20170830-10 approving an amendment adding funds to the interlocal agreement. On October 17, 2017, Council approved agenda item 20171005-8 approving an amendment adding renewal options and funding to the interlocal agreement. On May 18, 2017, Council approved agenda item 20170518-016 approving negotiation and execution of a 12-month interlocal agreement with Integral Care.

### For More Information:

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### Additional Backup Information:

The Homelessness Outreach Street Team, known as HOST, is a partnership between the Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC), Austin Police Department (APD), Austin/Travis County Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Integral Care (IC), and the Downtown Austin Alliance (DAA). Together, these organizations are proactively reaching out to individuals living on the streets to help them connect to the services they need to successfully transition from homelessness to housing.

Integral Care provides four full time employees to the HOST team: one Program Lead, two Qualified Mental Health Professionals, and one (1) Peer Recovery Support Specialist. IC also provides access to one relief Advance Practice Psychiatric Clinical Nurse.

HOST is one piece of the larger effort to move individuals from homelessness to improved well-being and housing stability. The purpose and goal of HOST is to identify individuals who are homeless, learn what challenges they face and work to connect them to services such as medical and behavioral health care, case management and housing.

Approval of thi items will authorize DACC to negotiate and execute Amendment #4 to the agreement with Integral Care for an increase to a staffing licensure and client transportation costs. Council authorization is

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being sought prior to the adoption of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget to allow the parties sufficient time for negotiation and execution of the increase in service delivery beginning October 1, 2019.

Amendment #3 exercised the second 12-month renewal option beginning October 1, 2018 for \$242,354. Amendment #2 added funding for a Peer Recovery Support Specialist through the end of all remaining renewal options for \$195,000. Amendment #1 exercised the first 12-month renewal option beginning October 1, 2017 for \$242,354. The original 12-month agreement was approved by Council for \$242,354 beginning October 1, 2016.

Outcomes expected from HOST include reduced EMS transports, emergency room visits, and jail bookings, generating significant savings for the community. Austin Travis County Integral Care will work on increasing connection to case management, social services, medical care, behavioral health services, and housing, which will help individuals improve their well-being and work toward reaching their full potential.

**HOST Anticipated Performance Measures:**

**Outputs:**

Number of unduplicated clients served:	600
Number of contacts:	1200

**Outcomes:**

Percent of clients linked to services:	50%
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