



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-2481, **Agenda Item #:** 40.

8/8/2019

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Foundation Communities, Inc. for the provision of sustainable access to health services for seniors for a 13-month term beginning September 1, 2019 and two 12-month extension options, each in an amount not to exceed \$125,000, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$375,000.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$125,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

On September 11, 2018, Council approved Ordinance No. 20180911-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget, which included \$125,000 additional ongoing funding for access to healthcare services for low-income seniors on a vote of 10-1, with Council Member Troxclair voting no.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

On May 9, 2018, the Commission on Seniors made the following budget recommendation to City Council regarding the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget: "Improve and expand access to physical health care, mental health care, and dental care for low-income seniors," by unanimous vote (13-0).

Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute an agreement with Foundation Communities to provide sustainable access to health care services for low-income seniors through the Care Teams program.

On May 2, 2019, Austin Public Health issued a Request for Applications with a deadline of May 31, 2019 and received four applications. The objective of this competitive solicitation was to establish an agreement with a qualified nonprofit or government entity for the provision of improved and expanded access to physical health care, mental health care, and dental care services, per the approved Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget Item. Foundation Communities' Care Teams program was the highest scoring application and it is being recommended for funding.

According to data from the U.S. Census Bureau, the Austin-Round Rock metro area has the country's second-fastest-growing population of adults over the age of 65, and the fastest growing population of those aged 55 to

64. Austin's Age-Friendly Action Plan, approved in May 2018 by the World Health Organization and AARP, and adopted by City Council, is a comprehensive framework for addressing the unique needs of the aging population. Domain 8 of this plan, Community Support and Health Services, includes the following goal: Sustain and enhance investment in affordable, accessible, and holistic care that will build a vibrant and productive senior community.

Recommended Agency:

Foundation Communities is a locally grown and nationally recognized nonprofit organization with nearly 30 years of experience providing quality affordable housing and wraparound supportive services to low and moderate-income individuals and families in Texas. Through the Care Teams program, Foundation Communities will provide screening and assessments for physical, mental and dental health needs, outreach, healthy programming, connection to insurance and healthcare coverage options, financial assistance and low-cost options for services, as well as companionship, transportation, and encouragement for residents ages 55+ living at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.