



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 19-2647, **Agenda Item #:** 42.

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### **Posting Language**

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20180911-001) to accept and appropriate \$155,354 in grant funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the Housing and Homeless Services Program, Homeless Youth Set-Aside. Related to item #41.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$155,354 is available from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the Housing and Homeless Services Program, Homeless Youth Set-aside. The grant period is September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The new Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP), Homeless Youth Set-aside funding was authorized by the Texas Legislature as reflected in House Bill 1, which was signed by the Governor on June 15, 2019 during this past 86th Legislative Session.

Through HHSP, the State appropriates funding to the eight largest cities in Texas according to population. On June 10, 2019, the City received notification of the additional new funding allocation for Austin in the amount of \$155,354 for the program period September 1, 2019 - August 31, 2020, for homeless youth services.

Rider 16 provides direction regarding the new funding: "Funding to Address Youth Homelessness. From funds appropriated in Strategy C.1.1, Poverty-Related Funds, the Department of Housing and Community Affairs shall designate \$1,500,000 in each fiscal year for the purpose of assisting regional urban areas having a population of 285,500 or more, in providing services to unaccompanied homeless youth and homeless young adults 24 years of age and younger. Eligible services may include case management, emergency shelter, street outreach, and transitional living. The agency shall distribute these funds through the Housing and Homeless Services Program."

Austin Public Health will allocate HHSP funding for emergency shelter services, case management, street outreach, and housing assistance for homeless youth and young adults up to age 24 through our partnership with the Youth and Family Alliance, Inc., dba LifeWorks. LifeWorks is the recipient of funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program, and coordinates with several community partners to end youth homelessness. Performance measures will be negotiated during contract development.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, Austin Public Health Department's need for continued funding will be evaluated and may be denied.