



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-3784, **Agenda Item #:** 116.

12/5/2019

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Barbara Poppe and Associates, to conduct a review of grants, contracts, policies, and interagency coordination addressing homelessness, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

(Notes: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Management Services.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget of Management Services.

Purchasing Language:

Professional Services.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The contract will focus on assessing opportunities and making recommendations for immediate and short-term actions to engage and assist individuals experiencing homelessness as directed by Council on June 20, 2019, Resolution No. 20190620-184. The contractor will conduct a review of current grants and contracts issued by the City to address homelessness, how and if these contracts are actually implementing and supporting Austin's Action Plan to End Homelessness, and what realignment of current contracts is needed to better implement the plan and accelerate progress on the goals. Additional policy recommendations to accelerate progress on the goals will also be included as well as recommendations focused on the action plan itself.

The contractor will also review how the City coordinates policy decisions and planning with other agencies, relative to implementation of Austin's Action Plan to End Homelessness as well as funding awards for the annual funding request to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Lastly, the contractor

will review how the City coordinates funding and planning with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs which administer both federal and state funding for homeless programs.

The information from the resulting report will be used to inform implementation action steps to align with the 2021 City Council budget process. Barbara Poppe and Associates has extensive experience in this area, with specific focus on homelessness, affordable housing, public health and anti-poverty strategies, making them uniquely qualified to conduct this work.