



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-1091, **Agenda Item #:** 38.

1/23/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 6 to an agreement with The Salvation Army to expand shelter case management services in an amount not to exceed \$102,056, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,847,331.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

One-time funding in the amount of \$102,056 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Austin Public Health Department's Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

September 11, 2019 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20190911-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget, which included \$1,500,000 in one-time funding for homeless campgrounds or alternatives, on a 10-1 vote with Council Member Flannigan voting no.

August 08, 2019 - Council approved \$500,000 in one-time funding be added to the agreement with The Salvation Army to expand homeless services to individuals at the Downtown Shelter and Social Service Center, on an 11-0 vote.

November 20, 2014 - Council authorized execution of a 37-month agreement with The Salvation Army, with three 12-month extension options for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,363,728, on a 6-0 vote, with Council Member Tovo recusing herself from contracts associated with Theater Action Project/Creative Action.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 6 to the agreement with The Salvation Army to expand shelter case management services for the purpose of resourcing Guided Path efforts and future Encampment Resolution strategies.

In October 2019, the Homeless Strategy Office partnered with the Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (also known as ECHO), Austin Public Health, Downtown Austin Community Court, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, and the Austin Police Department to co-convene the homeless provider community to design a strategy to address the encampments outside of the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (also known as the ARCH). The Guided Path Pilot Project aims to both reduce the health and safety risks for those living in encampments and prevent and end homelessness through long term solutions. Expanded case management services will be coordinated with other rapid re-housing resources to engage participants, locate and facilitate housing placement options, and provide housing stability services once participants exit

homelessness into housing.

Amendment No. 5 exercised the second extension option and added \$500,000 in one-time funding to the 12-month period ending September 30, 2020, for expanded case management services to individuals experiencing homelessness and staying at the downtown shelter.

Amendment No. 4 exercised the first of three authorized extension options, adding \$252,628 for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2019.

Amendment No. 3 added \$6,162 to the 37-month base term ending September 30, 2018 due to a 2.5% annual cost of living increase for social services agreements approved by Council during the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget adoption process.

Amendment No. 2 added \$11,082 to the 37-month base term ending September 30, 2018 due to a 2.3% annual cost of living increase for social services agreements approved by Council during the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget adoption process.

Amendment No. 1 added \$40,911 to the 37-month base term ending September 30, 2018 due to a 6% annual cost of living increase for social services agreements approved by Council during the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget adoption process.

The original 37-month base agreement was approved by Council on November 20, 2014, with three authorized 12-month extension options for a total agreement amount of \$1,363,728. The Salvation Army's Downtown Shelter and Social Service Center provides emergency shelter, basic needs services, and housing-focused case management to women, men, and families with children.