



## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 6 with The Salvation Army, Georgia Corporation, for shelter operations and modifications at the Downtown Shelter and Social Service Center, increasing grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$108,000 for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,446,912.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$108,000 is available from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Homeless Housing and Services Program Grant.

### **Prior Council Action:**

December 11, 2014 - Council approved an agreement with The Salvation Army for a nine-month term ending August 31, 2015 and five 12-month extension options, utilizing grant funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Homeless Housing and Services Program, on a 7-0 vote.

### **For More Information:**

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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 Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) grant agreement with The Salvation Army, to provide modifications at the downtown shelter for shelter beds for single adults. As the Rathgeber Center is opening in early 2020, families with children will be moving out of the downtown shelter into the Rathgeber Center, both of which are operated by The Salvation Army. Downtown shelter space and operations will be modified to accommodate adults without children.

The HHSP was initially authorized by the Texas Legislature in the 81st Legislative Session. It was the first program that authorized state funding for homeless services and homelessness prevention. The appropriation is divided among the eight largest cities in Texas according to population. Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (also known as TDHCA) was assigned to administer the HHSP grant and contracts with Austin Public Health for the funding.

In 2012, The Salvation Army began housing additional homeless single women at the downtown shelter in an effort to provide a safe and secure place to sleep in a program called Safe Sleep. This contract uses HHSP grant funding to support the Safe Sleep program, case management staff, financial assistance for obtaining housing, and operational costs for the downtown shelter.

