



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-1126, **Agenda Item #:** 27.

2/20/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of amendments to contracts for the provision of HIV-related medical and support services for the Ryan White Part A Program , to increase funding for a 12-month term beginning March 1, 2020 with the following subrecipient-providers: AIDS Services of Austin, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,890,232, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$7,056,428; Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center dba Integral Care in an amount not to exceed \$417,314, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,581,838; Community Action Inc. of Central Texas in an amount not to exceed \$66,587, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$239,601; Central Texas Community Health Centers in an amount not to exceed \$1,999,524, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$7,635,851; Project Transitions Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$152,331, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$622,445; Waterloo Counseling Center in an amount not to exceed \$63,093, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$389,235; and Wright House Wellness Center in an amount not to exceed \$360,257, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,400,094.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$5,711,000 is available in the FY2019-2020 Austin Public Health Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund. The Ryan White Part A grant contract period is March 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021 for a total contract amount of at least \$4,950,000.

Prior Council Action:

February 16, 2017 - Council approved negotiation and execution of contracts with these seven local HIV service-provider-agencies for the Ryan White Part A grant program beginning March 1, 2017, on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Troxclair abstaining.

February 15, 2018 - Council approved an amendment to the Ryan White Part A contract with AIDS Services of Austin, Inc., on a 9-0 vote with Council Member Troxclair abstaining and Council Member Casar off the dais.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

The Austin HIV Planning Council approved Part A budget allocations by service-type on July 22, 2019. The allocations are used to determine individual allocations for subrecipients when a Notice of Award is received from the Grantor.

Additional Backup Information:

The purpose of Part A of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 is to provide support to

clients affected by HIV/AIDS residing in the five-county Austin Transitional Grant Area (TGA) that includes Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson counties. The Ryan White Part A grant provides financial assistance to communities most severely affected by the HIV epidemic. The five-county Austin TGA is considered one of the areas most severely impacted and thus receives funding under Part A.

The program goal is to ensure access to primary medical care, medications, and critical support services necessary to maintain individuals in the system of HIV-care. These services are provided through a subrecipient arrangement with local HIV service organizations and community-based organizations.

This request for authorization is time-sensitive in order to ensure that contracts can be executed to continue services to people with HIV for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 grant terms that begin March 1 of the respective years. Proposed subrecipient contract maximums include increases from the FY19 “base” that are recommended in order to 1) adjust contracts to actual Federal awards as they are received; 2) adjust contracts based on adopted service allocations and reallocations by the HIV Planning Council and late-term rapid reallocations; 3) provide the ability to execute contracts within 45 days of Federal Notice of Award as required by grant terms and conditions; and 4) avoid repeated requests to Council in 2020-2021 for contract amendments based on potentially late Notices of Awards or the need to shift funds from one service or community partner to another in a timely manner as required by the grant.

The City’s obligation is strictly limited to funding awarded by the Federal government and appropriately channeled to medical and support services according to grant legislation and regulation, and HIV Planning Council priorities.

Subrecipient	Part A Services Provided in FY19	Total Contract Authorization as of 2/29/2020	Proposed FY20 Contract Authorization	Proposed Total Contract Authorization
AIDS Services of Austin, Inc.	Early Intervention, Food Bank, Health Insurance Premium & Cost Sharing, Medical Case Management, Medical Nutrition Therapy, Non-Medical Case Management, Oral Health	\$5,166,196	\$1,890,232	\$7,056,428
Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center dba Integral Care	Mental Health, Substance Abuse (Outpatient), Substance Abuse (Inpatient)	\$1,164,524	\$417,314	\$1,581,838

Community Action Inc. of Central Texas	Non-Medical Case Management	\$173,014	\$66,587	\$239,601
Central Texas Community Health Centers	Pharmaceutical Assistance, Emergency Pharmaceutical Assistance, Mental Health Service, Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services	\$5,636,327	\$1,999,524	\$7,635,851
Project Transitions, Inc.	Housing Services	\$470,114	\$152,331	\$622,445
Waterloo Counseling Center	Mental Health Services	\$326,142	\$63,093	\$389,235
Wright House Wellness Center	Medical Case Management, Non-Medical Case Management	\$1,039,837	\$360,257	\$1,400,094