



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 20-1917, **Agenda Item #:** 71.

4/23/2020

### **Posting Language**

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20190910-001) to accept and appropriate \$272,065 for a one-time emergency relief effort authorizing a one-time emergency grant award, offered by the Coronavirus Aid Relief, and Economic Security Act for Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$272,065 is available from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Fiscal Year 2019-2020 HOPWA grant contract period is October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. This is a one-time emergency grant offered by the Coronavirus Aid Relief, and Economic Security Act, passed by Congress on March 27, 2020. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

### **Prior Council Action:**

October 31, 2019 - Council approved authorization and negotiation of an increase to contracts for the provision of HIV-related housing, on a 10-0 vote. Mayor Pro Tem Garza was off the dais.

August 30, 2018 - Council approved authorization and negotiation of an increase to the contract for AIDS Services of Austin, Inc., on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Troxclair abstaining.

November 9, 2017 - Council approved authorization and negotiation of contracts for a 12-month term ending on September 30, 2018 with two twelve-month renewal options, on a 10-0 vote, with Council Member Troxclair abstaining.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The goal of this one-time emergency grant provided under the Coronavirus Aid Relief, and Economic Security Act for Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS is to provide relief to individuals suffering from the economic impacts of COVID-19 and provides funds to state, local governments, businesses and other entities to help prepare for and respond to COVID-19.

### **Strategic Outcome(s)**

- Housing payment assistance for rent, mortgage, or utilities payments to prevent the homelessness of the tenant or mortgagor of a dwelling may be provided for a period of up to 24 months instead of just 21 weeks.
- To protect persons who are living with HIV/AIDS, funds may be used to self-isolate, quarantine, or to

provide other coronavirus infection control services for household members not living with HIV/AIDS.

- Funds may also be used to provide relocation services, including providing lodging at hotels, motels, or other locations, for persons living with HIV/AIDS and household members not living with HIV/AIDS.
- Allowable administrative costs have been increased from 3% to 6% for grantees and from 7% to 10% for project sponsors.
- The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, the Austin Public Health Department's need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment.