



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 20-1918, **Agenda Item #:** 72.

4/23/2020

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an increase to contracts for the provision of HIV-related housing services under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS grant, with the following providers: AIDS Services of Austin, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the 12-month term beginning October 1, 2019, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,301,404.93; and Project Transitions, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the 12-month term beginning October 1, 2019, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,362,436.00.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$1,931,794 is available from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the Fiscal Year 2020 Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS grant contract, which runs October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, and included in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

### **Prior Council Action:**

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

August 30, 2018 - Council authorized the negotiation and execution 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 authorized negotiation and execution 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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### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

N/A.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded grant funds for Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) for the following purposes:

- 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 approved Fiscal Year 2019-2020 City of Austin Annual Action Plan includes HOPWA funding as follows:

Sub-recipient	FY 2019-2020 Annual Plan Allocations
AIDS Services of Austin, Inc.	\$189,642.00
Project Transitions, Inc.	\$74,262.00
Administration	\$8,161.00

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment.