



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2107, **Agenda Item #:** 22.

5/21/2020

Posting Language

Authorize the ratification of an agreement with Workers Defense Project, Inc. to provide direct financial assistance to Austin/Travis County residents impacted by COVID-19 in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for the term May 11, 2020 through September 30, 2020.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$400,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 General Fund Emergency Reserve Fund for Relief in a State of Emergency Fund to support COVID-19 emergency relief.

Prior Council Action:

April 9, 2020 - Council approved Resolution No. 20200409-81 to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 for the Relief in a State of Emergency Fund to support COVID-19 emergency relief, with an 11-0 vote on the virtual dais.

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will authorize the ratification of an agreement with Workers Defense Project, Inc. to provide direct financial assistance to Austin/Travis County residents impacted by COVID-19. The term for this agreement is May 11, 2020 through September 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for a total contract amount of \$400,000, with no extension options

On April 9, 2020, City Council approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 General Fund Emergency Reserve Fund (Ordinance No. 20190910-001) to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 for the Relief in a State of Emergency (RISE) Fund to support COVID-19 emergency relief. On the same day, City Council approved Resolution No. 20200409-081, which authorized the City Manager to negotiate and execute new emergency contracts funded from the RISE Fund to offer immediate support-services and direct financial assistance to residents impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and related economic crisis.

Workers Defense Project will use the direct financial assistance to continue serving people of color, immigrant communities, historically marginalized individuals, and low-wage workers.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.