



## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 20-2144, **Agenda Item #:** 23.

5/21/2020

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize ratification of an agreement with Nineveh Ministries dba Jail to Jobs to provide direct relief and direct financial assistance to Austin/Travis County residents impacted by COVID-19 in an amount not to exceed \$278,630 for the term of May 4, 2020 through September 30, 2020.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$278,630 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. 20200409-081 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.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

This action will authorize the ratification of an Agreement with Nineveh Ministries, dba Jail to Jobs, to provide direct relief and direct financial assistance to Austin/Travis County residents impacted by COVID-19. The term for this agreement is May 4, 2020 through September 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$278,630 for a total contract amount of \$278,630, 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 economic crisis.

Nineveh Ministries will use the direct relief and direct financial assistance to continue serving people of color, the LGBTQI+ community, immigrant communities, seniors, historically marginalized individuals, survivors of domestic violence, and individuals who were formerly incarcerated. Direct relief and direct financial assistance services will include: food access, case management, behavioral health services, essential hygiene, mortgage or rental assistance, assistance with utility bills, assistance with medical expenses, diapers and baby formula, child care, and dependent caregiver services.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.