



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2368, **Agenda Item #:** 104.

6/11/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with the Youth and Family Alliance to provide direct financial assistance and direct relief services to Austin/Travis County residents impacted by COVID-19 in an amount not to exceed \$376,046 for the term June 15, 2020 through September 30, 2020.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$376,046 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.

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will authorize the negotiation and execution of an agreement with the Youth and Family Alliance to provide direct financial assistance and direct services to Austin/Travis County residents impacted by COVID-19. The term for this agreement is June 15, 2020 through September 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$376,046, for a total agreement amount of \$376,046, 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.

On May 21, 2020, City Council approved the negotiation and execution of agreements with The Austin Diaper Bank (Item No. 20200521-83) and the Muslim Community Support Services (Item No. 20200521-90). RISE funding for this agreement in the amount of \$376,046 is available because the Muslim Community Support Services indicated the organization did not have the capacity to distribute the \$226,046 previously awarded by the City, and the Austin Diaper Bank indicated limited capacity to distribute \$150,000 in direct financial assistance, which reduced their final award to \$206,000.

The Youth and Family Alliance will use the direct relief services and direct financial assistance to continue serving people of color, the LGBTQI+ community, historically marginalized individuals, people that have experienced homelessness, and former foster youth. Direct relief and direct financial assistance services will include: food access, behavioral health services, essential hygiene, mortgage or rental assistance, assistance with utility bills, assistance with medical expenses, diapers and baby formula.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.