



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 20-2907, **Agenda Item #:** 135.

8/27/2020

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 8 to the agreement with Foundation Communities, Inc., Community Tax Centers, for the continued provision of tax preparation services and outreach for low-income clients to increase funding to the third 12-month renewal option and add a fourth 12-month extension option, each in an amount not to exceed \$137,547, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,203,102.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$137,547 will be available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Austin Public Health Department's Operating Budget.

### **Prior Council Action:**

April 23, 2020 - Council approved execution of Amendment 7 with Foundation Communities in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 in one-time emergency funding to provide outreach and tax assistance services to community members seeking CARES Act tax relief, for a new total agreement amount of \$928,008, on an 11-0 vote.

April 9, 2020 - Council approved Resolution No. 20200409-33 to direct funding to expand tax preparation and direct deposit assistance, including outreach efforts to targeted low-income communities, and return to City Council for approval or ratification of needed contractual agreements by the April 23, 2020, Council meeting, on an 11-0 vote.

November 20, 2014 - Council approved execution of a 37-month agreement with Foundation Communities, Inc., Community Tax Centers, with three 12-month extension options for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$4,332,000, on a 6-0 vote with Council Member Tovo recusing herself from contracts associated with Theater Action Project/Creative Action.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute Amendment 8 with Foundation Communities, Inc., Community Tax Centers, for the continued provision of tax preparation services and outreach for low-income clients, to the third 12-month extension option and add a fourth extension option, each in an amount not to exceed \$137,547 for a new total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,203,102.

Amendment 7 added \$250,000 in one-time funds to the agreement, modified exhibits with a not-to-exceed amount to \$928,008 as a component of the City's response to the current public health emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Amendment 6 exercised extension # 2 for the term of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

Amendment 5 exercised extension # 1 for the term of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

Amendment 4 added \$3,355 to the Agreement and modified exhibits.

Amendment 3 added \$6,034 to the Agreement and modified exhibits.

Amendment 2 added \$22,275 to the Agreement and modified exhibits. Amendment 1 was a no-cost administrative amendment to modify program exhibits.

This social services agreement with Foundation Communities, Community Tax Centers was awarded through the 2014 Health and Human Services Department Self-Sufficiency Request for Applications (also known as an RFA), with services beginning on September 1, 2015 for an initial 37-month period in the amount of \$371,250, with three 12-month extension options in the amount of \$123,750 per extension option for a total agreement amount of \$742,500.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.