



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2917, **Agenda Item #:** 10.

9/3/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 8 with Austin Travis County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center, dba Integral Care, to provide behavioral health services for individuals at COVID-19 Protective Lodging and Isolation Facilities, increasing funding in an amount not to exceed \$688,749 in one-time funds for the current term and for the one remaining 12-month term extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$10,676,129.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$688,749 is included in the COVID-19 Spending Framework (Resolution No. 20200604-040).

Prior Council Action:

June 4, 2020 - Council approved Resolution No. 20200604-040 to adopt a spending framework for Shelters & Quarantine Facilities, which include emergency housing, supportive housing and isolation facilities for individuals who do not have the ability to self-isolate during the COVID-19 pandemic and supportive services in the amount of \$14.5 million, on a vote of 11-0.

March 26, 2020 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 7, increasing the agreement by \$150,000 for further expansion of homeless outreach services, on a vote of 11-0.

December 13, 2018 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 5, increasing the agreement by \$130,000 for the expansion of homeless outreach services on an 8-0 vote, with Mayor Adler and Council Member Flannigan off the dais and Council Member Renteria absent.

September 11, 2018 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20180911-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget that included \$130,000 in new ongoing funding for homeless outreach and navigation services on a 10-1 vote with Council Member Troxclair voting no.

October 6, 2016 - Council authorized an agreement with Integral Care for a 12-month term beginning on October 1, 2016 with four 12-month renewal options, on a 9-0 vote, with Council Member Zimmerman abstaining and Council Member Troxclair absent.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 8 to the

agreement with Integral Care for Main Mental Health Services, increasing funding to provide behavioral health services for individuals staying at the Protective Lodging and Isolation Facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Protective Lodging, or ProLodges, have been activated through the Austin/Travis County Emergency Operations Center as part of an emergency response to COVID-19 and are an important component of the infection control strategy to prevent and mitigate spread of the disease. Protective Lodging has been created for individuals experiencing homelessness who have serious underlying health conditions, as identified by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (also known as CDC), placing them at risk of severe complications and hospitalization should they contract COVID-19. Integral Care staff provide on-site behavioral health services at these facilities and coordinate care for individuals with varying levels of mental health and substance use needs.

Amendment No. 7 added \$150,000 of ongoing funding for further expansion of the PATH team for homeless outreach, to engage with individuals living in encampments.

Amendment No. 6 exercised the third 12-month extension option beginning October 1, 2019.

Amendment No. 5 added \$130,000 of ongoing funding for expansion of the PATH program for homeless outreach.

Amendment No. 4 exercised the second 12-month extension option beginning October 1, 2018.

Amendment No. 3 added \$45,757 for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 term, based on a 2.5% cost of living adjustment approved by Council during the annual budget adoption.

Amendment No. 2 exercised the first 12-month extension option beginning October 1, 2017.

Amendment No. 1 added \$40,987 for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 term, based on a 2.3% cost of living adjustment approved by Council during the annual budget adoption process.

Integral Care is designated by the State of Texas as the Mental Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Local Authority for Austin/Travis County. City funding in this agreement serves as a grant match for millions of dollars of state and federal funds for homeless services, behavioral health services, and intellectual/developmental disability services to residents of Austin/Travis County. In addition, funding in this agreement supports mental health disaster preparedness and response, outreach and prevention, education and awareness, community planning, and maintenance of infrastructure.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health & Environment.