



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2990, **Agenda Item #:** 26.

9/17/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month social services contract with Child, Inc. to fund and administer the Early Head Start Child Care Program in an amount not to exceed \$78,398.

Lead Department

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating Budget of the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office. Funding is contingent on the release of Fiscal Year 2020 federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Community Development Block Grant. There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Prior Council Action:

September 22, 2016 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of a 12-month social services contract with Child Inc. to fund and administer the Early Head Start Child Care Program in an amount not to exceed \$84,928, with three 12-month extension options.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The City's 2019-2024 Consolidated Plan notes the need for childcare assistance for low-income families. The Early Head Start (EHS) program serves infants and toddlers (up to the age of three) in very low-income families who reside within the City. EHS provides an educational child development program that includes access to wrap-around services such as dental, medical, and nutrition services for the children and counseling, social services, and parent education and involvement for the parents.

Under the contract, Child, Inc. will provide childcare services to at least 58 clients. The contract term will be from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

The Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department (NHCD) designates Child, Inc. as a subrecipient for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Early Head Start Child Care Program for fiscal year 2020-2021 because of their more than 19 years of experience.

Austin Public Health will administer this contract.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.