



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2993, **Agenda Item #:** 29.

9/17/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month social services contract with Young Women's Christian Association Greater Austin to fund and administer the Child Care Voucher Services Program in an amount not to exceed \$262,935.

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 Department upon the release of Fiscal Year 2020 federal funds from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Community Development Block Grant Program. 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 Young Women's Christian Association Greater Austin to fund and administer the Child Care Voucher Services Program in an amount not to exceed \$283,272, 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 Bridge Child Care Voucher Program provides childcare services to low income families in crisis to assist them as the family works to transition or "bridge" to a more stable situation. Client families are typically not eligible for other types of childcare subsidies. To be eligible, a family must reside within the city limits, have gross family income less than 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines, and must be actively case managed by a recognized social services agency.

If approved, the contract will require the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) Greater Austin to continue to provide Bridge Child Care Voucher Program childcare services and assist at least 71 clients. The contract term shall be from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

Neighborhood Housing Community Development (NHCD) Department designates Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) Greater Austin as a subrecipient for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Bridge Child Care Voucher Program for fiscal year 2020-2021 because of their experience, which exceeds four years.

Contract will be administrated by the Austin Public Health Department.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.