



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 20-3068, **Agenda Item #:** 99.

9/17/2020

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with WorkSource Greater Austin Area Workforce Board, dba Workforce Solutions Capital Area Workforce Board, to fund and administer child care services for essential workers for the COVID-19 response in an amount not to exceed \$945,170 for a 12-month term beginning October 1, 2020.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$945,170 is available in the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office's Community Development Block Grant, as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security, or CARES Act funds.

### **Prior Council Action:**

May 21, 2020 - Council approved an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of emergency grant funding in the amount of \$4,620,659 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV)-based COVID-19 relief programs; and amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department Operating Budget by appropriating the \$4,620,659 accepted from HUD for CDBG-CV-based COVID-19 relief programs, on an 11-0 vote.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute an agreement with WorkSource Greater Austin Area Workforce Board, dba Workforce Solutions Capital Area Workforce Board, to fund and administer child care services for essential workers for the COVID-19 response to assist at least 205 clients. The contract term shall be from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

Grant funding was released by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Community Development Block Grant on July 22, 2020, as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security, or CARES Act funds. Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department was awarded the funding and has designated Austin Public Health to administer this agreement.

Austin Public Health Department (APH) designates Workforce Solutions Capital Area Workforce Board as a CDBG subrecipient for the Child Care Services for essential workers for COVID-19 Response contract for fiscal year 2020-2021. Childcare services will help avoid job loss of low-to moderate-income persons caused by decreased enrollment of children in childcare by extending childcare assistance for low-to moderate-income essential workers. Eligible families must reside within the Austin 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.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.