



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3145, **Agenda Item #:** 104.

9/17/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Financial Literacy Coalition of Central Texas to provide direct financial assistance and direct relief services to Austin/Travis County residents impacted by COVID-19, to increase funding in an amount not to exceed \$35,000, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$237,300.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$35,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Austin Public Health Department's Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

May 21, 2020 - Council approved the execution of an agreement with Financial Literacy Coalition of Central Texas to provide direct financial assistance and direct relief services to Austin/Travis County residents impacted by COVID-19 in an amount not to exceed \$202,300 for the term May 26, 2020 through September 30, 2020.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize negotiation and execution Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Financial Literacy Coalition of Central Texas to provide direct financial assistance and direct relief services to Austin/Travis County residents impacted by COVID-19 to increase funding in an amount not to exceed \$35,000, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$237,300.

The current social services agreement with Financial Literacy Coalition of Central Texas (FLCCT) is to provide direct financial assistance and direct relief services to Austin/Travis County residents impacted by COVID-19, has a term of May 26, 2020 through September 30, 2020, for a total contract amount of \$202,300, with no extension options.

On April 9, 2020, City Council approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 General Fund Emergency Reserve Fund (Ordinance No. 20190910-001) to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 for the Relief in a State of Emergency (RISE) Fund to support COVID-19 emergency relief. On the same day, City Council approved Resolution No. 20200409-081, which authorized the City Manager to negotiate and execute new emergency contracts funded from the RISE Fund to offer immediate support services and direct financial assistance to residents impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and economic crisis. FLCCT will provide direct relief services and direct financial assistance to continue serving people of color, the

LGBTQI+ community, immigrant communities, seniors, and historically marginalized individuals. Direct relief and direct financial assistance services will include financial coaching and consumer protection.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.