



## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Approve negotiation and execution of an agreement with Good Work Austin to provide meals for persons experiencing homelessness for a nine-week term beginning October 16, 2020, with two four-week extension options, in an amount not to exceed \$208,000.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$208,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

### **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 Good Work Austin (GWA) to provide prepared meals for distribution at multiple sites across Austin. The Eating Apart Together (EAT) initiative was created as a critical component of the COVID-19 emergency response for persons experiencing homelessness under the Social Services Branch of the Austin-Travis County Emergency Operations Center. Meal services provided through this agreement with Good Work Austin will support the food distribution services of the EAT initiative.

This agreement will be negotiated for an initial nine-week term beginning October 16, 2020, with two four-week extension options, should extension of services be required.

GWA is a small business association dedicated to providing support and resources to locally-owned small businesses that want to create a healthier Austin. Members provide benefits and fair wages to improve the lives of their employees and strengthen their businesses. Good Work Austin's members are all locally-owned and independent. They guarantee that they are paying all employees at least \$15 per hour, sourcing at least 50% of their ingredients from local farmers and are using compostable or recyclable packaging materials.

### **Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment.