



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1158, **Agenda Item #:** 35.

2/4/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 2 to the agreement with Good Work Austin to provide meals for persons experiencing homelessness, to increase funding in an amount not to exceed \$320,000, and extend through April 30, 2021, for a total revised agreement amount of \$528,000.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$320,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General Fund Emergency Reserve Fund Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

October 15, 2020 - Council approved the 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, on an 11-0 vote.

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Additional Backup Information:

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.

Good Work Austin (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. GWA's members are all locally owned and independent businesses. GWA guarantees that they pay all employees at least \$15 per hour, sourcing at least 50% of their ingredients from local farmers, and use compostable or recyclable packaging materials.

Amendment No. 1 exercised extension options one and two for a term through February 12, 2021.

This original agreement with GWA was for the provision of 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.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.