

City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1179, Agenda Item #: 27.

2/18/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 1 to an agreement with Family Eldercare, Inc. to provide mobile hygiene services to people experiencing homelessness in the Austin/Travis County area to extend the term of the agreement through September 30, 2021 and add one-time funding in an amount not to exceed \$287,300, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$574,600.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$287,300 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General Fund Emergency Reserve Fund Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

October 15, 2020 - Council ratified an agreement with Family Eldercare, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$287,300 for a term of September 30, 2020 through March 31, 2021, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$287,300, with an 11-0 vote.

June 4, 2020 - Council approved Resolution No. 20200604-40 adopting the COVID-19 proposed spending framework for the use of all available federal and local funding that maximizes the benefit of federal COVID-19 relief funding and local funding, with 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 Amendment No. 1 to an agreement with Family Eldercare, Inc. that extends the term of the agreement through September 30, 2021 and add one-time funding in an amount not to exceed \$287,300, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$574,600. This agreement will provide services in support of Emergency Response and Public Health Needs activities under the City's COVID-19 Spending Framework.

The original agreement with Family Eldercare, Inc. was funded to provide mobile hygiene services to people experiencing homelessness in the Austin/Travis County area in an amount not to exceed \$287,300 for a term of September 30, 2020 through March 31, 2021, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$287,300.

The Mobile Hygiene Clinic (MHC) delivers essential hygiene services to people experiencing homelessness in Austin/Travis County. The MHC's will be staffed by individuals enrolled in the Workforce First program (also through Family Eldercare, Inc. with subgrantee The Other Ones Foundation) who are supervised by a member of The Other Ones Foundation's Supportive Employment Specialist staff.

Showers, toilets, and hygiene supplies are provided to promote disease prevention for higher risk individuals

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experiencing homelessness. The MHC manages current gaps in services and provides a transition away from congregational service delivery to ensure individuals have access to sanitation, thereby reducing the risk of poor hygiene, infection, and disease transmission.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.