



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1635, **Agenda Item #:** 17.

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Posting Language

Ratify Amendment No. 10 with Austin Travis County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center, d/b/a Integral Care, for the expansion of behavioral health services and basic needs for individuals at COVID-19 Protective Lodging and Isolation Facilities to increase funding in an amount not to exceed \$79,484 in one-time funds for the current term and one extension option through September 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$2,148,591, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$12,939,204.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$79,484 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General Fund Emergency Reserve Fund Operating Budget. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Prior Council Action:

September 3, 2020 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 8 to provide one-time funding in the amount of \$688,749 for behavioral health services for individuals at COVID-19 Protective Lodging and Isolation facilities, on an 11-0 vote.

June 4, 2020 - Council approved Resolution No. 20200604-040 to adopt a spending framework for Shelters & Quarantine Facilities, which include emergency housing, supportive housing and isolation facilities for individuals who do not have the ability to self-isolate during the COVID-19 pandemic and supportive services in the amount of \$14.5 million, on an 11-0 vote.

March 26, 2020 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 7 to increase funding by \$150,000 for further expansion of homeless outreach services, on an 11-0 vote.

December 13, 2018 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 5 to increase funding by \$130,000 for the expansion of homeless outreach services, on an 8-0 vote with Mayor Adler and Council Member Flannigan off the dais, and Council Member Renteria absent.

September 11, 2018 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20180911-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget, which included \$130,000 in new ongoing funding for homeless outreach and navigation services, on an 11-0 vote, with Council Member Troxclair voting no.

October 6, 2016 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of an agreement with Integral Care for a 12-month term beginning on October 1, 2016 with four 12-month renewal options, on a vote of 9-0, with Council Member Zimmerman abstaining and Council Member Troxclair was absent.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 10 to the agreement with Integral Care for Main Mental Health Services, to increase funding to provide behavioral health services and basic needs for individuals staying at the Protective Lodging and Isolation Facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic and adding an extension option.

Protective Lodging, or ProLodges, has been activated through the Austin/Travis County Emergency Operations Center as part of an emergency response to COVID-19 and are an important component of the infection control strategy to prevent and mitigate spread of the disease. Protective Lodging has been created for individuals experiencing homelessness who have serious underlying health conditions, as identified by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, placing them at risk of severe complications and hospitalization should they contract COVID-19. Integral Care staff provide on-site behavioral health services and coordination of basic needs at these facilities for individuals with varying levels of mental health and substance use needs.

Amendment No. 9 added \$35,000 of one-time funding for the expansion of services for the Protective Lodging and Isolation Facilities.

Amendment No. 8 added \$688,749 of one-time funding for Protective Lodging and Isolation Facilities.

Amendment No. 7 added \$150,000 of ongoing funding for expansion of the Programs for Assistance in the Transition from Homelessness (PATH) program for homeless outreach.

Amendment No. 6 exercised the third 12-month extension option beginning October 1, 2019.

Amendment No. 5 added \$130,000 of ongoing funding for expansion of the PATH program for homeless outreach.

Amendment No. 4 exercised the second 12-month extension option beginning October 1, 2018.

Amendment No. 3 added \$45,757 for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 term, based on a 2.5% cost of living adjustment approved by Council during the annual budget adoption process.

Amendment No. 2 exercised the first 12-month extension option beginning October 1, 2017.

Amendment No. 1 added \$40,987 for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 term, based on a 2.3% cost of living adjustment approved by Council during the annual budget adoption process.

The original term of this agreement with Integral Care began October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 for an annual amount of \$1,782,029, with four 12-month renewal options.

Integral Care is designated by the State of Texas as the Mental Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Local Authority for Austin/Travis County. City funding in this agreement serves as a grant match for millions of dollars of state and federal funds for homeless services, behavioral health services and intellectual/developmental disability services to residents of Austin/Travis County. In addition, funding in this agreement supports mental health disaster preparedness, outreach and prevention, education and awareness, community planning, and maintenance of infrastructure.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.