



## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Life Anew Restorative Justice, Inc. to provide academic and personal development services to youth to reduce harm and violence, for a term of May 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$620,000, with two 12-month renewal options each in an amount not to exceed \$620,000, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,860,000.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$620,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### **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 Life Anew Restorative Justice, Inc. to provide academic and personal development services to elementary to high school-aged youth, outreach and education services to law enforcement and school personnel, as well as domestic violence prevention. Youth services include behavioral interventions, counseling, mentorship, academic tutoring, and soft skills development. Program objectives include reduction in incarceration and recidivism to the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP); decreased school suspensions and expulsions; decreased youth violence; improved mental health; increased school attendance, academic performance, and graduation rates; and reduction in disproportionalities in the above actions among people of color.

This agreement will be negotiated with a term of May 1, 2021, through March 31, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$620,000, with two 12-month renewal options each in an amount not to exceed \$620,000, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,860,000. These funds are a part of the Reimagining Public Safety initiative.

Life Anew Restorative Justice, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that employs Restorative Practices Coordinators to train school staff, students, parents, and community volunteers to engage one another in intentional conversations that lead to deep, meaningful relationships that result in life transformation

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

Health and Environment.