



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1895, **Agenda Item #:** 17.

5/20/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Caritas of Austin to provide permanent supportive housing to disabled individuals who have experienced chronic homelessness, in an amount not to exceed \$2,992,800 for the term July 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022, with three 12-month extension options each in an amount not to exceed \$2,671,680, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$11,007,840.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$564,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Austin Public Health Department's Operating Budget. Funding for current and remaining term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will authorize the negotiation and execution of an agreement with Caritas of Austin to provide permanent supportive housing (PSH) at 13311 Burnet Rd Austin, TX, to disabled individuals who have experienced chronic homelessness.

On August 4, 2020, the Homelessness Working Group provided recommendations to Council that included an investing in homelessness for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for \$6.5 million in PSH and related services, and/or other services, such as rapid rehousing, required by the Homelessness Investment and Expansion Plan. The funding for the Caritas of Austin agreement is a part of the recommendation regarding PSH. In Fiscal Year 2019-2020, this funding was a part of a competitive request for applications titled "City of Austin Housing First Competitive Solicitation RFQS # 4700 EAD4007," that was cancelled in June 2020.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.