



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1987, **Agenda Item #:** 56.

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 \$1,200,000 for a 28-month term ending on September 30, 2023, with two 12-month extension options, each in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$2,200,000.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$200,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget. Funding for the initial and remaining contract terms 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 51 units of permanent supportive housing (PSH) at an upcoming facility to disabled individuals who have experienced chronic homelessness. The initial contract will have a 28-month term through September 30, 2023, with two 12-month extension options each in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$2,200,000.

On August 4, 2020, the Homelessness Working Group provided recommendations to City Council that included 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 agreement with Caritas of Austin is a part of the recommendation regarding PSH.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.