



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1990, **Agenda Item #:** 58.

5/20/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with the Ending Community Homelessness Coalition, Inc. for the Investing for Results program to provide training and technical assistance on program and data reporting standards to agencies serving persons who are experiencing homelessness, for one 12-month term ending on May 31, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$279,000.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$279,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will approve negotiation and execution of a one-time agreement with Ending Community Homelessness Coalition, Inc. (ECHO) to provide training and technical assistance on program and data reporting standards, to develop written standards for all Continuum of Care and Emergency Solutions Grant interventions, as well as create an annual system improvement plan. The agreement will also allow for ECHO to hire a third-party consultant to review and evaluate data and reporting to analyze existing program strengths and weaknesses, to determine existing system needs, gaps, and program quality assurance and improvement areas. The third-party consultant's review will include an analysis of racial and ethnic disparities within the housing stabilization and homeless services programs.

ECHO is dedicated to planning, prioritizing, and developing strategies to end homelessness in Austin/Travis County. The overall role of ECHO is to identify specific strategies to end homelessness and oversee ongoing planning efforts and implementation of the Plan to End Community Homelessness.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.