



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1977, Agenda Item #: 25.

6/3/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 1 to an agreement with the Austin Area Urban League for the provision of rental assistance to prevent eviction of low-income Austin/Travis County residents affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, in an amount not to exceed \$93,522 for the term ending on December 31, 2021. Related to Item 21-1978.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$93,522 is available from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Community Services Block Grant Discretionary Funds.

Prior Council Action:

July 29, 2020 - Council approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20190910-001) to accept and appropriate CARES ACT grant funds, on an 11-0 vote.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to ratify Amendment No. 1 to an agreement with Austin Area Urban League for the provision of rental assistance to prevent eviction of low-income Austin/Travis County residents affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, using a grant received the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA).

Austin receives an annual formula-based Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) from TDHCA. The CSBG grant provides administrative support to a network of local Community Action Agencies that provide services to low-income residents. Austin is considered the "Community Action Agency" for Travis County. The related grant program provides funding for the delivery of basic needs, case management, preventive health services, and employment support services to low-income residents through the City's six neighborhood centers and three field offices.

Austin has previously received CSBG Discretionary Funds and is a recipient of such funds this year.

The goal of CSBG Discretionary Funds is to assist persons affected by the COVID-19 pandemic with rental assistance. This is a non-renewable grant available from February 11, 2021 through August 31, 2021. The funds are stipulated to be used to assist Austin/Travis County low-income residents affected by the COVID-19 pandemic with rental assistance.

This item is time sensitive to ensure contracts can be executed for services to be provided to persons affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, through August 31, 2021.

The approved Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget for TDHCA related to the CARES ACT CSBG funds is as follows:

Sub-recipient	FY 2020-2021 CSBG Discretionary Funds Plan Allocation
Austin Area Urban League	\$85,020 (Rental Assistance)
Administration	\$8,502
Total	\$93,522

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.