



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2368, **Agenda Item #:** 105.

7/29/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Catchafire, Inc., to provide capacity building services for non-profits, for a term of one year in an amount not to exceed \$105,000.

(Note: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating Budget of Austin Public Health.

Purchasing Language:

Professional Service.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The contract will allow agencies funded for social services to access skill-based volunteering. This service will match professionals who want to volunteer their time with nonprofits who are in need of their skills. This service will provide more equitable access to talent for nonprofits, many who have limited budgets that can hinder them from hiring the expert talent needed to operate most effectively. Skills-based volunteering can add capacity for these smaller nonprofits.

Catchafire, Inc. offers a unique platform with personalized outreach and engagement services for City of Austin grantees. This is a new contract and estimates were determined based upon a set price list offered to all governmental entities. If the City is not able to secure a contract, small nonprofits will not receive this crucial organizational capacity support.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government That Works for All.