



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2739, **Agenda Item #:** 32.

8/26/2021

Posting Language:

Approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$696,602 from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the Homeless Housing and Services Program and the Homeless Housing and Services Program Youth Set-Aside, and the negotiation and execution of a related contract. Related to Item #31.

Lead Department:

Austin Public Health

Fiscal Note:

Funding in the amount of \$696,602 is available from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Prior Council Action:

October 29, 2020 - Council approved Resolution No. 20201029-042, which authorized the acceptance of \$630,992 in grant funds for the Homeless Housing and Services Program and the Homeless Housing and Services Program Youth Set-Aside, on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Harper-Madison off the dais.

September 11, 2019 Council approved Ordinance No. 20190911-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Operating Budget, which authorized \$705,000 in grant appropriation for the Homeless Housing and Services Program Grant, on a 10-1 vote with Council Member Flannigan voting no.

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will provide the resolution required by Section 7.22(d) of Title 10 of the Texas Administrative Code to be approved by the receiving entity's governing body (1) authorizing execution of the contract for HHSP funds; (2) identifying the title of the person authorized to represent the entity and possesses signature authority to execute the contract; and (3) dated not more than twelve months from the date of contract execution.

On July 8, 2021, the City received notification of the 2021 allocation of funding for Austin in the following grants: 1) Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) in the amount of \$533,722 and 2) Homeless Housing and Services Program Youth Set-Aside in the amount of \$162,880, for a total allocation of \$696,602 for the program period September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022.

Austin Public Health will allocate HHSP funding to continue emergency shelter services, case management and housing assistance for single adults and families at the Salvation Army Social Service Center Emergency Shelter downtown, and support the federal Emergency Solutions Grant program with financial assistance, case management, and shelter operations at the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (also known as the

ARCH). Performance measures will be negotiated during contract development with these agencies. The HHSP was authorized by the Texas Legislature during the 81st Legislative Session. It was the first program that authorized state funding for homeless services and homelessness prevention.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant. All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.