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Posting Language
Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 5 to an agreement with Austin Travis County Mental Health and Mental Retardation d/b/a Integral Care to provide permanent supportive housing services to individuals who have experienced chronic homelessness, to add one 12-month extension option in an amount not to exceed $600,000, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed $3,600,000.

Lead Department
Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note
Funding in the amount of $600,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:
April 20, 2017 - Council approved the negotiation and execution of an agreement with Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center, d/b/a Integral Care to provide permanent supportive housing services for an initial six-month term beginning on April 1, 2017 in an amount not to exceed $600,000, with four 12-month renewal options not to exceed $600,000 per renewal option, for a total contract amount not to exceed $3,000,000, on an 11-0 vote.

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Additional Backup Information:
Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 5 to an agreement with Austin Travis County Mental Health Retardation Center, d/b/a Integral Care, for a program that provides permanent supportive housing services, to add one 12-month renewal option beginning October 1, 2021 in an amount not to exceed $600,000, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed $3,600,000.

Amendment No. 4 exercised the fourth extension option in the amount of $600,000 for the period of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021

Amendment No. 3 exercised the third extension option in the amount of $600,000 for the period of October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020.

Amendment No. 2 exercised the second extension option in the amount of $600,000 for the period of October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019.

Amendment No. 1 exercised the first extension option in the amount of $600,000 for the period of October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018.

On March 25, 2010, City Council passed Resolution No. 20100325-53 to improve Permanent Supportive Housing. Resolution No. 20100325-53 directed Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department and Austin Public Health Department staff to develop a comprehensive strategy to construct and operate 350 new units of permanent supportive housing (PSH) over four years. The resolution also directed staff to prioritize funding for PSH that targeted the most vulnerable populations. Vulnerable populations include residents with annual incomes at or below 30 percent median family.

City Council Resolution No. 20140320-048 acknowledged Housing First as a critical strategy to achieving success in ending chronic homelessness in Austin. The Resolution No. 20140320-048 directed staff to "Prepare a formal solicitation for a Housing First PSH Project that coordinates the required capital investment with multi-year resident support services, including the Health and Human Services Request for Applications and other funding sources, to be reviewed by the Leadership Committee on PSH Finance." In September 2014, the City's housing subsidiary, the Austin Housing Finance Corporation (also known as AHFC), issued a Request for Proposals (also known as RFP) for a qualified firm to develop a "Housing First" PSH development project. On December 11, 2014, Integral Care, was the successful respondent that submitted a proposal to construct 50 units of Housing First PSH and received the award.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment, Economic Opportunity and Affordability.