



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2888, **Agenda Item #:** 74.

9/30/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of agreements to provide public service activities through the Community Development Block Grant that address underserved and low-income individuals, for an initial 12-month term ending September 30, 2022, with three 12-month extension options with the following agencies: Child, Inc., to fund and administer the Early Head Start Child Care Program in an amount not to exceed \$79,325 for the initial term and \$79,325 for each extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$317,300; Family Eldercare, to fund and administer the Senior Billpayer Services Program in an amount not to exceed \$125,461 for the initial term and \$125,461 for each extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$501,844; and Young Women's Christian Association of Greater Austin, to fund and administer the Bridge Child Care Voucher Program in an amount not to exceed \$266,044 for the initial term and for each extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,064,176.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$470,830 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of the Housing and Planning Department. Funding is contingent on the release of Fiscal Year 2021 federal funds from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Community Development Block Grant. There is no anticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Additional Backup Information:

The City's 2019-2024 Consolidated Plan notes the need for childcare assistance, senior services, and youth services for low-income families. The following programs were selected for funding through the Consolidated Plan process using Public Services funding from the Community Development Block Grant. These Agreements will be administrated by the Austin Public Health Department

Child Inc will provide Early Head Start program services to infants and toddlers (up to the age of three) in very low-income families who reside within the city. Early Head Start provides an educational child development program that includes access to wrap-around services such as dental, medical, and nutrition services for the children and counseling, social services, parent education and involvement for the parents. The contract term will be from October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2022. The **Housing and Planning Department** designates Child Inc. as a subrecipient for the Community Development Block Grant Early Head Start Child Care Program for fiscal year 2021-2022 because of their more than nineteen years of experience.

Family Eldercare provides specialized senior and homeless services with more than twenty years of experience. If approved, the agreement will require Family Eldercare to provide bill payer services to at least one hundred seventy-five clients. The contract term will be from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022. Funding of this program helps prevent and protect Austin residents age fifty-five or older from becoming victims of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Additionally, this program enables them to live independently for as long as possible. The program promotes and fosters increased self-sufficiency, and healthy behaviors and lifestyle among targeted populations. Each client must have an income level at or below two hundred percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines and meet asset guidelines that are set by Family Eldercare. The Housing and Planning Department designates Family Eldercare, Inc as a subrecipient for the Senior Services Program contract for fiscal year 2021-2022.

Young Women's Christian Association Greater Austin will provide Bridge Child Care Voucher Program childcare services to low-income families in crisis to assist them as the family works to transition or "bridge" to a more stable situation. Client families are typically not eligible for other types of childcare subsidies. To be eligible, a family must reside within the city limits, have gross family income less than two hundred percent of Federal Poverty Guidelines, and must be actively case managed by a recognized social services agency. If approved, the contract will require the Young Women's Christian Association Greater Austin to continue to provide Bridge Child Care Voucher Program childcare services and assist at least seventy-one clients. The contract term shall be from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021. Housing and Planning Department designates Young Women's Christian Association Greater Austin as a subrecipient for the Community Development Block Grant Bridge Child Care Voucher Program for fiscal year 2021-2022 because of their experience, which exceeds four years.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.