



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2892, **Agenda Item #:** 75.

9/30/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 9 to an agreement with The Salvation Army to provide shelter and housing services to individuals experiencing homelessness, to add one 12-month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$343,722, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,970,615.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$343,722 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund. The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Homeless Housing and Services Program Fund grant period is September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022.

Prior Council Action:

August 26, 2021 - Council approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20200812-001) to accept and appropriate an additional \$696,602 in grant funds 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, on a 10-0 vote with Mayor Pro Tem Harper-Madison off the dais.

August 26, 2021 - Council approved 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, on a 10-0 vote with Mayor Pro Tem Harper-Madison off the dais.

February 20, 2020 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 6 to an agreement with The Salvation Army for shelter operations and modifications of the Downtown Shelter and Social Services Center, to increasing grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$108,000, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,446,912, on a 10-0 vote with Mayor Pro Tem Garza off the dais.

December 11, 2014 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of an agreement with The Salvation Army to fund the Safe Sleep program for women and families for a nine-month term beginning on December 1, 2014 and ending August 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$223,152, with five 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$223,152 per renewal option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,338,922, on a 7-0 vote.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health Department to negotiate and execute Amendment

No. 9 to the agreement with The Salvation Army, a Georgia corporation, to provide shelter and housing services to homeless individuals, to add one extension option beginning September 1, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$343,722 with a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,970,615.

Amendment No. 8 modified the program exhibits.

Amendment No. 7 exercised the sixth 12-month extension option in the amount of \$300,694, beginning on September 1, 2020 for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,626,893.

Amendment No. 6 added \$108,000 to the agreement for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,326,199.

Amendment No. 5 exercised the fifth 12-month extension option in the amount of \$223,152 beginning on September 1, 2019.

Amendment No. 4 exercised the fourth 12-month extension option in the amount of \$223,152 beginning on September 1, 2018.

Amendment No. 3 exercised the third 12-month extension option in the amount of \$182,773 beginning on September 1, 2017.

Amendment No. 2 exercised the second 12-month extension option in the amount of \$142,818 beginning on September 1, 2016.

Amendment No. 1 exercised the first 12-month extension option in the amount of \$223,152 beginning on September 1, 2015.

The current social services agreement with The Salvation Army is funded through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Homeless Housing and Services Program Fund and was originally approved by Council for a nine-month term through August 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$276,314, with five 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$223,152 per renewal option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,338,922. The program provides case management and financial assistance for homeless individuals who are residing on the streets and at The Salvation Army Downtown Service Center. The contract also provides funds for operational costs for The Salvation Army shelters.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.

In 2012 The Salvation Army began housing additional homeless single women at the downtown shelter to provide a safe and secure place to sleep in a program called Safe Sleep. This contract uses the Homeless Housing and Services Program Fund to support the Safe Sleep program, case management staff, financial assistance for obtaining housing, and operational costs for the downtown shelter.

The Homeless Housing and Services Program Grant was initially authorized by the Texas Legislature in the 81st Legislative Session. It was the first program that authorized state funding for homeless services and homelessness prevention. The appropriation is divided among the eight largest cities in Texas according to population. Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs was assigned to administer the Homeless Housing and Services Program Grant and contracts with Austin Public Health Department for the funding.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.