



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3259, **Agenda Item #:** 30.

11/4/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 14 to an agreement with Front Steps, Inc. to provide permanent supportive housing services for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022, adding one 12-month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$111,149, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,246,592.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$111,149 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Prior Council Action:

June 20, 2019 - Council authorized Amendment No. 11, which added two 12-month extension options each in an amount not to exceed \$111,149, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,135,443, on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Harper-Madison absent.

September 20, 2018 - Council authorized Amendment No. 10, which added one 12-month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$111,149, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$913,145, on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Alter absent.

August 17, 2017 - Council authorized Amendment No. 7, which added one 12-month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$108,438, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$799,285, on an 11-0 vote.

September 22, 2016 - Council authorized Amendment No. 5, which added one 12-month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$106,000, on an 8-1 vote with Council Member Zimmerman voting nay, Council Member Casar off the dais, and Council Member Troxclair absent.

April 26, 2012 - Council authorized execution of a 30-month agreement with Front Steps to provide permanent supportive housing services in an amount not to exceed \$376,409, with two 12-month extension options each in the amount of \$100,000, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$576,409, on a 7-0 vote.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize the Austin Public Health Department to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 14 with Front Steps, to provide permanent supportive housing services to individuals who have

experienced chronic homelessness and frequently used emergency and criminal justice systems.

Amendment No. 13 allowed for modification of program exhibits.

Amendment No. 12 exercised the seventh extension option in the amount of \$111,149 for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021, for a revised total agreement amount of \$1,135,443.

Amendment No. 11 added two 12-month extension options each in the amount of \$111,149 and exercised the sixth extension option in the amount of \$111,149 for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, for a revised total agreement amount of \$1,024,294.

Amendment No. 10 exercised the fifth extension option in the amount of \$111,149 for the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, for a revised total agreement amount of \$913,145.

Amendment No. 9 added a 2.5% cost of living increase in the amount of \$2,711, approved by Council for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, for a revised total agreement amount of \$801,996.

Amendment No. 8 allowed for modification of program exhibits.

Amendment No. 7 exercised the fourth extension option in the amount of \$108,438 for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018, for a revised total agreement amount of \$799,285.

Amendment No. 6 added a 2.3% cost of living increase in the amount of \$2,438, approved by Council for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, for a revised total agreement amount of \$690,847.

Amendment No. 5 exercised the third extension option in the amount of \$106,000 for the program period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017, for a revised total agreement amount of \$688,409.

Amendment No. 4 allowed for modification of program exhibits and added a 6% cost of living increase in the amount of \$6,000, approved by Council for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, for a revised total agreement amount \$582,409.

Amendment No. 3 exercised the second extension option in the amount of \$100,000 for the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016, for a revised total agreement amount of \$576,409

Amendment No. 2 exercised the first extension option in the amount of \$100,000 for the period October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015, for a revised total agreement amount of \$476,409.

Amendment No. 1 was a no-cost amendment to add client eligibility requirements to the agreement.

The original 30-month agreement beginning April 1, 2012, with two 12-month extension options, was approved by Council for a total agreement amount of \$376,409.

On October 2, 2014, Council passed Resolution No. 20141002-043 directing the City Manager to set a community target of 400 additional permanent supportive housing units to be accomplished through coordinated, community-wide efforts within four years, and to adopt updates to the permanent supportive housing strategy recommended in the August 2014 Permanent Supportive Housing Evaluation Report.

On March 25, 2010, Council passed Resolution No. 20100325-053 directing the City Manager to give priority to funding for permanent supportive housing and to develop a comprehensive strategy for the construction and

operation of 350 permanent supportive housing units over the next four years.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.