



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-1484, Agenda Item #: 53.

3/24/2022

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 8 to the agreement with Catholic Charities of Central Texas to provide housing stability services to households at risk of homelessness, to add one 12-month extension beginning April 1, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$775,946, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$5,666,750.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$775,946 is included in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget. Funding for the remaining months of the term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Prior Council Action:

March 12, 2020 - Council approved negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 6 to the agreement with Catholic Charities of Central Texas to provide housing stability services to households at risk of homelessness, adding one-time funding in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 and one additional 12-month extension, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$4,920,804, on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Harper-Madison was absent.

March 31, 2016 - Council approved an agreement with Catholic Charities of Central Texas to provide housing stability services to households at risk of homelessness for a 12-month term beginning on April 1, 2016, with four 12-month renewal options, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$3,700,000, on a 9-1 vote, with Council Member Zimmerman voting no and Mayor Adler absent.

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Additional Backup Information:

The Catholic Charities of Central Texas provides the Catholic Charities Financial Stability Program (Program), which assists underprivileged working families achieve economic self-sufficiency and housing stability through financial assistance, long-term case management, budgeting, and goal setting. Individuals must be a renter and resident of Austin or Travis County in order to qualify for the Program and are referred for enrollment by Austin Public Health Department's (APH) Neighborhood Centers.

Amendment No. 7 exercised the fifth extension option in the amount of \$775,946 for the period of April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022.

Amendment No. 6 exercised the fourth extension option in the amount of \$775,946 and added one time

funding in the amount of \$250,000, for a total agreement amount of \$1,025,946 for the period of April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

Amendment No. 5 added \$60,000 in one-time funding.

Amendment No. 4 added \$10,000 in one-time funding.

Amendment No. 3 exercised the third extension option in the amount of \$775,946 for the period of April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020.

Amendment No. 2 exercised the second extension option in the amount of \$775,946 for the period of April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019.

Amendment No. 1 exercised the first extension option in the amount of \$757,020 for the period of April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018.

The base agreement authorized Catholic Charities of Central Texas to work with the Neighborhood Centers to provide housing stability services to households at risk of homelessness in an amount not to exceed \$740,000, for a 12-month term beginning on April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017, with four 12-month extension options, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$3,700,000.

On December 14, 2015, APH issued a competitive solicitation with a deadline of February 1, 2016 with the hope of establishing an agreement with a community-based organization capable of managing a Rental Assistance Program with the following components: 1) offer case management, direct financial assistance, and other wrap-around services that assists households at risk of homelessness to maintain housing, and 2) operate as a fiscal agent to distribute direct financial assistance on behalf of case-managed clients of APH's Neighborhood Centers. Two applications were received and APH presented the funding recommendation to the Health and Human Services Committee on March 9, 2016.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.