



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-1693, **Agenda Item #:** 38.

4/7/2022

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of agreements with 17 social service agencies listed in the Recommendation for Action for community-based social services and capacity building to area youth in an amount not to exceed \$6,727,158 for a 15-month term beginning July 1, 2022, with four 12-month extension options each in an amount not to exceed \$5,577,331, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$29,036,482 divided among the agencies.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$1,149,827 is included 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.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of the negotiation and execution of agreements with 17 social services agencies will provide community-based resources to youth. The Austin Public Health Department (APH) specifically sought agencies with experience providing positive youth development services to support Council's Strategic Direction 2023's metric of increasing high school graduation rates.

APH awarded agreements to social services agencies via a solicitation process known as a request for applications (RFA) 004-Youth Services 2021-AB, which was released on July 28, 2021 with a deadline for applications on September 23, 2021. A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting took place on August 4, 2021, and August 5, 2021, and APH received 38 applications.

The RFA process is used to solicit social services for APH and is exempt from state purchasing laws. However, the purchasing process was reviewed by the Purchasing Office and APH-leadership, incorporates most state laws, adheres to principles of fairness and transparency, and responsibly addresses the needs of the community.

The application evaluation process used set criteria to uniformly review all applicants evaluated by a separate and independent panel. A review panel comprised of individuals with education and expertise in each issue-area rated each applicant. Evaluators agreed upon strengths and weaknesses for each applicant. Each applicant received a resultant score based on this process. The criteria for evaluation included the following: fiscal and administrative capacity, experience and cultural competence/racial equity; program design and performance metrics; data-informed program management; and cost

effectiveness.

APH awarded 17 applicants, each with an initial base term of 15 months with four 12-month extension options, with agencies and funding amounts as follows:

Applications Funded in Response to RFA 004-Youth Services 2021-AB

Agency	Services	15-Month Funding	Four 12-Month Extension Options	Total Contract Amount
Youth and Family Alliance d/b/a Lifeworks	Academic Support	\$422,913	\$392,995	\$1,994,893
The SAFE Alliance d/b/a SAFE	Behavioral/Mental Health	\$249,316	\$209,316	\$1,086,580
Common Threads	Life Skills	\$108,035	\$87,347	\$457,423
Boys & Girls Club of Travis County, Inc.	Out of School Time	\$413,753	\$388,753	\$1,968,765
Breakthrough Austin	Academic Support	\$198,000	\$162,000	\$846,000
Austin Independent School District	Out of School Time	\$1,178,429	\$1,000,000	\$5,178,429
Girl Scouts of Central Texas	Out of School Time	\$114,500	\$102,000	\$522,500
Court Appointed Special Advocates of Travis County, Inc.	Life Skills	\$91,440	\$73,152	\$384,048
Austin Independent School District	Parent Support	\$1,612,500	\$1,290,000	\$6,772,500
GENAustin d/b/a Girls Empowerment Network	Out of School Time	\$248,567	\$198,853	\$1,043,979
Communities in Schools of Central Texas	Behavioral/Mental Health	\$656,250	\$525,000	\$2,756,250
Austin Independent School District	Academic Support	\$251,069	\$200,855	\$1,054,489
African American Youth Harvest Foundation	Mentoring	\$613,445	\$490,756	\$2,576,469
Seedling Foundation	Mentoring	\$153,447	\$122,757	\$644,475
Con Mi MADRE	Behavioral/Mental Health	\$70,000	\$56,000	\$294,000
Austin Theater Alliance d/b/a Paramount and Stateside Theatres	Leadership Development	\$196,934	\$157,547	\$827,122
Austin Youth and Community Farm d/b/a Urban Roots	Leadership Development	\$148,560	\$120,000	\$628,560
	Totals:	\$6,727,158	\$5,577,331	\$ 29,036,482

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.