



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 22-1811, Agenda Item #: 27.**

**5/19/2022**

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 4 to the agreement with the University of Texas at Austin to provide African American mental health and wellness services, to add three 12-month extension options each in an amount not to exceed \$178,685, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,072,110.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$178,685 is included in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget. Funding for the remaining terms is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### **Prior Council Action:**

June 20, 2019 - Council authorized the award, negotiation and execution of an agreement with four social services agencies to provide African American mental health and wellness services for a 12-month term beginning July 1, 2019 and two 12-month extension options, each in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,500,000, on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Harper-Madison absent.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

This agreement with the University of Texas at Austin provides funding for a wellness program that aims to reduce health disparities among African American communities through a multilevel, church-based mental health and wellness program. The goal of this initiative is to create an effective and sustainable health and wellness program within African American churches, and to increase awareness and reduce the stigma of mental health.

Amendment No. 3 exercised the second 12-month extension option in the amount of \$178,685 and modified program exhibits for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

Amendment No. 2 modified program exhibits.

Amendment No. 1 exercised the first 12-month extension option in the amount of \$178,685 for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

The current social services agreement with the University of Texas at Austin was awarded because of the Austin Public Health Department's African American Mental Health Request for Applications. Services began

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on July 1, 2019, for an initial 12-month term ending on June 30, 2020, in the amount of \$178,685, with two 12-month extension options each in the amount of \$178,685, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$536,055.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment.