



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 22-2009, Agenda Item #: 47.**

**6/9/2022**

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 2 to the agreement with Front Steps, Inc. to provide emergency non-congregate shelter operations for individuals experiencing homelessness at increased risk of negative health effects from COVID-19, to add one-time funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,132,862 to the current term, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$2,388,649.13.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$1,132,862 is available from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Emergency Solutions Grant for COVID-19.

### **Prior Council Action:**

May 6, 2021 - Council authorized the negotiation and execution of an agreement with Front Steps, Inc. to provide non-congregate emergency shelter services for persons experiencing homelessness who are at higher risks of negative health complications due to COVID-19, in an amount not to exceed \$1,255,787 for a nine-month term from May 15, 2021 through January 31, 2022, on an 11-0 vote.

July 29, 2020 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20200729-052 to accept and appropriate grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Emergency Solutions Grant to serve homeless individuals and those at risk of homelessness who have been economically impacted by COVID-19, on a 10-0 vote with Mayor Adler off the dais.

April 23, 2020 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20200423-070 to accept and appropriate grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Emergency Solutions Grant to serve homeless individuals and those at risk of homelessness who have been economically impacted by COVID-19, on an 11-0 vote.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The funding was a part of the Emergency Solutions Grant Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act's competitive request for applications titled "RFA#008 ESG CV-2 2020 NPS," which was released on August 20, 2020 for rapid rehousing, which did not result in an award to the City. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funding for homeless services is coordinated through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Funding Team comprised of staff from Austin Public Health Department's Homeless Services Division and Social Services Planning Unit, and

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the Ending Community Homelessness Coalition.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development notified the City of a Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act award of \$2,354,866, on April 8, 2020 and later notified the City of an additional Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act award of \$10,859,249 on June 9, 2020, all to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic among individuals and families experiencing homelessness or receiving homeless assistance; and to support additional homeless assistance and homelessness prevention activities to mitigate the effects of homelessness.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment.