



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2437, Agenda Item #: 173.

7/28/2022

Posting Language

Authorize an amendment to a contract with Catchafire, Inc. to provide continued capacity building services for non-profits, to increase the amount by \$210,000 and to extend the term by two years, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$315,000.

(Note: This contract is exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Public Health

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$17,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of Austin Public Health. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Contract Amendment.

Prior Council Action:

July 29, 2021 - Council approved the original contract, item 105, on an 11-0 vote.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The proposed amendment will allow increased authorization and extend the term of the contract with Catchafire, Inc., which provides capacity-building services for non-profits by connecting them to volunteers with professional skills in areas such as policy and procedure development, human resources, data analytics, communications, web development, and more. Catchafire also offers professional development webinars, articles, and networking opportunities for non-profits. These services promote more equitable access to talent and resources for non-profit agencies who are funded by or have applied for funding from the City, thereby addressing capacity-building needs for agencies who may otherwise be limited by budget or staff size. Additionally, Catchafire provides comprehensive data on agency users' engagement, which will enable Austin Public Health to better assess and meet agencies' needs.

This proposed amendment is requested to continue these services for contracted social service agencies, since there is an ongoing need from non-profits for capacity building and access to talent. The program was

successful in its pilot year and additional funding is available for an additional year. The contract will be extended for an additional year subject to the availability of funding.

Contract Detail:

Contract Term	Length of Term	Current Contract Authorization	Requested Additional Authorization	Revised Total Authorization
Initial Term	1 yr.	\$ 105,000		\$105,000
Proposed Amendment	2 yrs.		\$210,000	\$210,000
TOTAL	3 yrs.	\$ 105,000	\$210,000	\$315,000

Note: Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.

Strategic Outcome(s):

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