



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2799, **Agenda Item #:** 54.

9/1/2022

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a Third Amendment to the Lease Agreement with Minorities for Equality Education, Liberty, and Justice, Inc. (MEEELJ), for approximately 738 square feet of office space at 403 1/2 E. 15th Street extending the term for two years with one 2-year option in the building known as the Hauke House.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

December 8, 2016 - Council approved contract with Minorities for Equality Education, Liberty, and Justice, Inc. (MEEELJ) to provide case management and associated services for previously incarcerated persons and their families.

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Additional Backup Information:

Minorities for Equality Education, Liberty, and Justice, Inc. (MEEELJ) is a non-profit tenant providing services to some of the City's most marginalized citizens. The goal of MEEELJ is to reduce the rate of recidivism for individuals in the greater metropolitan area who have been incarcerated. MEEELJ aims to break the cycles of incarceration and poverty for these individuals and their family members, who are also at risk, through reducing barriers to self-sufficiency and economic, social, political, and educational success. This includes assisting family members with issues that stem from having currently or formerly incarcerated family members, with continuing education, housing assistance, and mental health assistance and care access. MEEELJ's program at the Hauke House will be overseen by Austin Public Health.

The original lease was effective June 23, 2014. A first amendment extending MEEELJ's occupancy by two years with a 2-year option was executed on June 23, 2016. The Second Amendment was executed on November 5, 2020, which extended MEEELJ's occupancy through October 31, 2021, with a 1-year option. This Third Amendment would extend MEEELJ's occupancy by two years to October 31, 2024, with a 2-year renewal option.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.