



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 22-2559, **Agenda Item #:** 64.

9/1/2022

### Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 9 to an agreement with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc, to provide support services to individuals experiencing challenges with housing and/or public benefits, to add one 12-month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$203,159 for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,626,706.

### Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

### Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$203,159 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

### Prior Council Action:

September 30, 2021 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 8, which added one 12-month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$203,159 for the program period October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,423,547 on a 10-1 vote with Council Member Kelly voting no.

November 20, 2014 - Council authorized execution of a 37-month contract with 33 social service agencies, in an amount not to exceed \$48,195,681 each and combined, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$16,065,227 each and combined, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$96,391,362 each and combined, on a 6-0 vote.

### For More Information:

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### Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize the Austin Public Health Department to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 9 to an agreement with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc for the provision of support services to individuals experiencing challenges with housing and/or public benefits that present an immediate threat to their safety, stability, or self-sufficiency.

Amendment No. 8 exercised the fourth extension option adding one 12-month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$203,159 for the program period of October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022.

Amendment No. 7 exercised the third extension option, adding one 12-month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$203,159 for the program period of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

Amendment No. 6 exercised the second extension option, adding one 12-month extension option in an amount

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not to exceed \$203,159 for the program period of October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020.

Amendment No. 5 exercised the first extension option, adding one 12-month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$203,159 for the program period of October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019.

Amendment No. 4 added funds to the Agreement in the amount of \$4,955 and modified exhibits.

Amendment No. 3 added funds to the Agreement in the amount of \$8,912 and modified exhibits.

Amendment No. 2 added funds to the Agreement in the amount of \$32,898 and modified exhibits.

Amendment No. 1 added funds to the Agreement in the amount of \$15,800 and modified exhibits.

This social services agreement with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc was awarded through the 2015 Health and Human Services Department Self-Sufficiency Request for Proposals, with services beginning on September 1, 2015, for an initial 37-month period in the amount of \$548,346.

The mission of Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc is to provide legal and other professional services to low-income clients who are threatened with loss of housing and/or public benefits, to increase their ability to maintain or achieve self-sufficiency. The goals of the program are to serve clients in Austin and Travis County whose housing situation requires legal intervention.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment, Economic Opportunity and Affordability.