



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2595, Agenda Item #: 74.

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Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with the Asian American Resource Center Inc. d/b/a Austin Asian Community Health Initiative to recruit and train community health workers for a 24-month period beginning September 1, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$450,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 General Fund Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of the negotiation and execution of an agreement with the Asian American Resource Center Inc. d/b/a Austin Asian Community Health Initiative will provide recruitment and training support for community health workers.

This social services agreement was awarded via a solicitation process. The Austin Public Health Department's Request for Proposals 2022-003 Community Health Workers was released on February 17, 2022 and proposals were due March 24, 2022. A non-mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting took place on February 22, 2022. Over 650 vendors were notified, two advertisements were placed in the Austin Chronicle, and eight applications submitted.

The application evaluation process used set criteria to uniformly review all applicants evaluated by a separate and independent panel. A review panel comprised of individuals with education and expertise in each issue-area rated each applicant. Evaluators agreed upon strengths and weaknesses for each applicant. Each applicant received a resultant score based on this process. The criteria for evaluation include the following: fiscal and administrative capacity, experience and cultural competence/racial equity; program design and performance metrics; data-informed program management; and cost effectiveness.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment, Government that Works for All.