



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2639, **Agenda Item #:** 77.

9/1/2022

Posting Language

Authorize the negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 10 to the agreement with Foundation Communities Inc. to provide tax preparation services and outreach for low-income clients, to add two twelve-month extension options, each in an amount not to exceed \$137,547, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,478,196.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$137,547 is included in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget. Funding for the remaining terms is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Prior Council Action:

November 20, 2014 - Council authorized the award, negotiation, and execution of a contract with 33 social service agencies or other qualified offerors, on a 6-0 vote, with Council Member Tovo recusing herself from contracts associated with Theater Action Project/Creative Action.

April 23, 2020 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 7 to the agreement with Foundation Communities Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 in one-time emergency funding to provide outreach and tax assistance services to community members seeking CARES Act tax relief, for a new total agreement amount of \$928,008, on an 11-0 vote.

August 27, 2020 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 8 to the agreement with Foundation Communities Inc., Community Tax Centers, for the continued provision of tax preparation services and outreach for low-income clients to increase funding to the third 12-month renewal option and add a fourth 12-month extension option, each in an amount not to exceed \$137,547, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,203,102, on an 11-0 vote.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of Amendment No. 10 will authorize funding for the continued provision of tax preparation services and outreach for low-income clients.

Amendment No 9 exercised the fourth extension option in the amount of \$137,547 for the period of October 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

Amendment No 8 exercised the third extension option in the amount of \$137,547 for the period of October 1, 2020 to September 31, 2021.

Amendment No 7 added \$250,000 in one-time funds to the agreement and modified exhibits as a component of the City's response to the public health emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Amendment No 6 exercised the second extension option in the amount of \$137,547 for the period of October 1, 2019 to September 31, 2020.

Amendment No 5 exercised the first extension option in the amount of \$137,547 for the period of October 1, 2018 to September 31, 2019.

Amendment No 4 added a 2.5% cost of living increase in the amount of \$3,355 to the 37-month base agreement.

Amendment No 3 added a 2.3% cost of living increase in the amount of \$6,034 to the 37-month base agreement.

Amendment No 2 added a 6% cost of living increase in the amount of \$22,275 to the 37-month base agreement with a 6% cost of living increase to the agreement.

Amendment No 1 modified the program exhibits.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment, Economic Opportunity and Affordability.