

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	13092	Agenda Number	20.
Meeting Date:	3/22/2012		Department:	Health and Human Services
Subject				
<p>Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the social services contract with RIVER CITY YOUTH FOUNDATION for an additional six-month term beginning April 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012, in a total amount not to exceed \$73,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$410,493.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>Funding in the amount of \$73,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget for the Health and Human Services Department.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
<p>There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.</p>				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:	<p>Approved Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget, September 12, 2011. On September 22, 2011, Council approved 48 six-month social service contracts with 42 social service agencies to extend the contracts for six months, from October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012.</p>			
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Boards and Commission Action:				
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:				
Additional Backup Information				

Although there have been competitive processes for specific services, there had not been an overall social services competitive process since 1999. With leadership from the Public Health and Human Services Committee last year, an RFP was developed for Social Service contracts to address the self sufficiency continuum identified in the current City Comprehensive Plan.

On June 23, 2011, Council directed the City Manager to extend current contracts through March 31, 2012. The extension of current contracts for six additional months would allow for agencies that did not have ongoing funding to adjust to budget changes. By extending existing contracts, a thoughtful transition period was provided for existing agencies that were not recommended for funding through the RFP to adequately plan for the future.

On September 12, 2011, during the Budget Adoption Reading, Council increased the Social Services Contract Budget of the Health and Human Services Department by \$73,000. Council recommended this funding be awarded to River City Youth Foundation.

River City Youth Foundation is located in the Dove Springs community, and provides a neighborhood-based safe place and learning center for low income, at risk youth, and their families. Funding for two programs, Dove Springs Youth Services and Summer of Safety, would be continued for an additional six months from April 1, 2012-September 30, 2012.

Dove Springs Youth Services program offers a neighborhood-based safe place and learning center for low income, at-risk youth and their families. Services include: after-school services, counseling, tutoring, case management, supervised culturally and linguistically relevant mentor-mentee matches, and parent involvement activities.

Summer of Safety program provides a professionally staffed summer camp that offers recreational, therapeutic, nutritional, technological, educational and family support services for youth in the Dove Springs area.

#### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Related Departmental Goal:

Provision: Social Services – Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors, and lifestyle among targeted populations.

Number of unduplicated clients served: 145

Percentage of clients with improved academic performance: 80%