

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	27828	Agenda Number	8.
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Meeting Date:	10/17/2013	Department:	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for Child Care Voucher Services with YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION GREATER AUSTIN in the amount of \$283,272 and for three contract renewal options in the amount of \$283,272 each for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,133,088.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the amount of \$283,272 in the Fiscal Year 2013- 2014 Operating Budget of the Neighborhood Housing and Community Services Office through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The contract period is October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014. Funding for the renewal options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget approval September 10, 2013. The City's Fiscal Year 2013-14 Action Plan related to the allocation of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant funds and the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Community Development Program adopted August 8, 2013.
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Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

A Notice of Funding Availability was published and three agencies submitted letters of intent to compete. A competitive Request for Application process was conducted. One application was submitted. The Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) Greater Austin submitted an application.

Approval of this Recommendation for Council Action will authorize a contract for child care voucher services with the YWCA Greater Austin for the initial 12-month term of October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014. The services are known as the Bridge Child Care Voucher Program. The Bridge Program provides child care to families in crisis for up to 12 months to allow time for the family to stabilize their situation and to find child care with long-term funding.

The length of child care services is flexible from weeks to the maximum of 12 months and is determined based on the type of family crisis. The majority of families served by the Bridge Program are homeless or near-homeless. Examples of other types of crises include the death, hospitalization, incarceration, or enrollment in substance abuse treatment of a parent. Families will be referred to Bridge Program services from community non-profit and public agencies that serve and case manage families in crisis. The referring agencies will be required to continue case management services. Many of the families are not eligible for other subsidized child care funding.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Related Departmental Goal: Assist People in Achieving Safety, Stability and Long Term self-Sufficiency

Output:

Number of children provided direct child care services (unduplicated): Goal: 94 children

Outcome:

Number of children moved to long-term child care: Goal: 25%