

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	30139	Agenda Number	11.
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Meeting Date:	2/13/2014	Department:	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an 11-month agreement for social services with Front Steps, Inc. to fund maintenance and operations of the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless, housing location services and financial assistance to homeless individuals for an amount not to exceed \$276,314 in grant funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Homeless Housing and Services Program.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$276,314 is available from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) Funds. The grant period is October 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014.

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	September 9, 2013, the Council approved the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget.
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) was initially authorized by the Texas Legislature in the 81st Legislative Session. It was the first program that authorized state funding for homeless services and homelessness prevention. The appropriation is divided among the eight largest cities in Texas according to population. Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) was assigned as manager. On September 18, 2013, Austin was informed that it would receive \$488,527 from TDHCA General Revenue funds for the grant period October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014. This funding is available for administration, case management, housing staff, construction and rehabilitation, and rental assistance for homeless and at-risk of homeless individuals and families.

This contract with Front Steps, Inc. will fund:
 Housing Placement Program: \$200,000

Program coordinating Rapid Rehousing programs providing case management, housing location, operating, and financial assistance to homeless individuals to find housing, and individuals at risk of housing to remain in housing. The goal of the program is to increase the number of landlords that will work with homeless services agencies to place homeless individuals and families.

ARCH Operations: \$76,314

This program will fund the Austin Resource for the Homeless to provide operations funding to offset the shortfall from federal Emergency Solutions Grant funds.

All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure the grant minimizes the financial impact of the City. The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Performance Measures will be determined as the contract is developed with TDHCA and Front Steps, Inc.

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