

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council - Commissioner's Court Meeting	Item ID	34130	Agenda Number	31.
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Meeting Date:	8/7/2014	Department:	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 8 to the contract with AFRICAN AMERICAN YOUTH HARVEST FOUNDATION, Inc., for programs that enhance the quality of life for African American youth and families, to add a twelve month renewal option beginning on October 1, 2014 and ending on September 30, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$343,430, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,058,860.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding for the renewal option is contingent upon availability of funding in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budget of Health and Human Services Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action: On April 28, 2011, Council approved Resolution No. 20110428-051 requesting funding recommendations to help establish an African American Youth Resource Center operated by the African American Youth Harvest Foundation, Inc., formerly the African American Men and Boys Harvest Foundation, Inc. On May 12, 2011, Council approved Ordinance No. 20110512-013 amending the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of the Sustainability Fund to increase expenses by \$150,000 for the African American Youth Resource Center. On January 12, 2012, Council authorized negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 1 to increase funding and extend the contract period. On September 27, 2012, Council authorized negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 2 to increase funding. August 29, 2013, Council approved Resolution 20130829-073 endorsing the expansion of the African American Youth Harvest Foundation programs and to increase the City financial contribution. On November 21, 2013, Council authorized negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 5 to increase funding. On December 12, 2013, Council authorized negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 6 to increase funding.

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Boards and Commission Action:

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

African American Youth Harvest Foundation (AAYHF), a 501(c) (3) non-profit corporation, works cooperatively with local school districts and institutions of higher education to identify barriers preventing academic achievement and to eliminate the academic achievement gap between African American and Caucasian students. AAYHF staff develops strategies designed to reduce the dropout rate and mitigate underachievement in academic performance of African American males and females.

This contract with AAYHF allows for services to be provided at the African American Youth Resource Center (AAYRC). The AAYRC responds to the broad critical needs that African American youth and families residing in Travis County statistically engender, although all ethnicities (primarily low-income populations) are regularly served through the AAYRC and AAYHF programs. The AAYRC serves as a one-stop resource to students and their families through a variety of initiatives that provide direct services at the center itself and/or connect families to a host of off-site social services through a case management system. AAYHF acts as the lead agency in coordinating the flow of project planning, implementation, reporting and evaluation among all partners offering services through the AAYRC. Services provided on-site include AAYHF family and mentoring programs, along with direct services provided by: City of Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department, University of Texas Division of Diversity & Community Engagement, Austin Voices for Education and Youth, Girls Inc., Black Media Council, International Society for Wealth After Graduation, A New Entry, Inc., Karisma Pastoral Consultations & Educational Services, Paraclete Counseling Services, Victoria Dorsey Drewy Counseling Services and Caliber Youth Services.

Performance Measures

Output Measure	Goal
Number of unduplicated youth and parents assessed, served and/or supported through the AAYRC	3800

Number of unduplicated youth and adults receiving ongoing services through the AAYRC	100
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Outcome Measures	Goal
Percent of individuals who complete an educational program and demonstrate improved knowledge	75%

Percent of individuals who demonstrate improved life skills	75%
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Related Departmental Goal: Social Services – Promote a healthy community by addressing the needs of vulnerable households.