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## Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council - Commissioner's Court Meeting	Item ID	34134	Agenda Number	34.
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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. 5 to the contract with SICKLE CELL ANEMIA ASSOCIATION OF AUSTIN, MARC THOMAS CHAPTER, for the provision of services to clients with sickle cell disease, their families, and at-risk populations, to add a 12-month renewal option beginning October 1, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$107,123, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$535,615.

## 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 October 14, 2010, Council approved a 12-month agreement beginning October 2010 with SICKLE CELL ANEMIA ASSOCIATION OF AUSTIN, MARC THOMAS CHAPTER with three 12-month extension options.
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Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

## Additional Backup Information

The Sickle Cell Anemia Association of Austin (SCAAA) program targets City of Austin/Travis County residents with sickle cell disease (SCD), those that carry sickle cell trait, or those who may carry the silent trait. SCD is a genetic blood disorder that attacks the red blood cells and affects people of many racial and ethnic groups, mainly African Americans. In the United States, 90,000 to 100,000 people have SCD. The disease occurs among about one out of every 500 African-American births and among about one out of every 36,000 Hispanic-American births. Other people affected include those of Mediterranean, Middle Eastern, and Asian origin. In addition, more than 2 million people carry the sickle cell gene that allows them to potentially pass the disease on to their children; often called the silent trait because most individuals are not aware that they are carriers.

The Sickle Cell Anemia Association of Austin provides client-centered and community-based services, including:

1. Notification, Hemoglobin Apathy Education, and Navigation Services: Components include: intake and navigation services; 2) financial assistance; 3) support group meetings; 4) liaison for clients and their medical doctors; 5) newborn screening notification and education; 6) sickle cell camp

- opportunities; and 7) certified hemoglobinopathy education;
2. Community Based Education about Sickle Cell Disease and Sickle Cell Trait: Components include: 1) facilitation of health fairs and health presentations to community organizations including but not limited to: churches, schools, state departments, businesses, volunteers, medical professionals, social workers, individuals with sickle cell disease or trait, and the at-risk population who are unaware of their status; and 2) outreach, awareness, and promotion.

The program further raises awareness, increases knowledge, encourages early detection and prevention, and promotes informed decision-making, reproductive choices, and treatment in this population. The City Health and Human Services has contracted with SCAAA since the calendar year 2003.

**Performance Measures**

**Goal**

**Output**

Number of unduplicated clients provided with community-based education

1414

Number of unduplicated clients with sickle cell trait or sickle cell disease provided with notification and hemoglobinopathy education

56

**Outcome**

Percent of clients with sickle cell disease or sickle cell trait who were provided with navigation services

91%

Related Departmental Goal: Social Services – Promote a healthy community by addressing the needs of vulnerable households.