Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department



PROMOTE community-wide wellness, preparedness, & self-sufficiency;

PREVENT illness, injury, & disease; and

PROTECT the community from infectious diseases, environmental hazards, & epidemics



2014 Self-Sufficiency Continuum Social Services RFA

City Council November 6, 2014

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Social Service RFA Overview

- City of Austin Purchasing Office coordinated the RFA process
- Pre-Solicitation meetings: 01/27/14 & 01/31/14
- Released: 2/24/2014
- Pre-bid Meetings: 3/5/2014 & 3/19/14
- Closed: 4/24/2014 @ 11 a.m.

Approved Strategy

- PHHS approved strategy on December 16, 2013
- Strategy presented to Council on January 23, 2014
- Applications were grouped and evaluated according to the Life Continuum category selected by the Applicants
- Recommendations:
 - 80% available funding for each Life Continuum categories
 - Applications ranked highest to lowest by score based upon the funding available in each Life Continuum category
 - 20% available funding for any Life Continuum category
 - Applications ranked highest to lowest by score with the remaining funding available

Social Service RFA Overview

- Available Funding: \$13,815,227
 80% funding for the following Life Continuum category:
 - Early Childhood \$949,416
 - Youth \$1,961,339
 - Adults and Families \$7,327,622
 - Seniors and People with Disabilities \$813,804
 - 20% funding available for any Life Continuum category
 - \$2,763,046 available

RFA Evaluation

- 125 total points available
 - Program Overview & Strategy: 70 points
 - Cost Effectiveness: 20 points
 - Local Business Presence: 10 points

Bonus

- Collaboration/Connection to additional Self-Sufficiency Goals & Life Continuum Categories: 10 points
- Leveraging Funds: 5 points
- Healthy Service Environment: 10 points
- Points were awarded based solely on the information included in the application

RFA Agency Submissions

- 65 applications
 - 27 recommended for funding
 - 35 not recommended for funding
 - 3 disqualified

RFA Evaluation

39 Evaluators

- Annette Strauss Institute
- COA Departments:
 - > Economic Development
 - ➤ Office of
 Telecommunications and
 Regulatory Affairs
 - ➤ Health and Human Services
 - Neighborhood Housing& CommunityDevelopment
 - ➤ Parks and Recreation

- Hanger, Inc. (Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce representative)
- National Association of Social Workers/Texas Chapter
- Travis County Health and Human Services & Veterans Services
- United Way
- Webber Foundation

RFA Overview

	2010 RFP	Current Funding	Funding Requested	Staff Recommended Funding
Early Childhood	\$848,770	\$1,186,770	\$2,949,205	\$1,854,788
Youth	\$1,291,787	\$2,451,674	\$7,613,035	\$2,503,824
Adults & Families	\$10,047,827	\$9,159,528	\$17,263,886	\$8,255,622
Senior & IDD	\$1,017,255	\$1,017,255	\$2,472,867	\$1,200,993
Total	\$13,205,639	\$13,815,227	\$30,298,993	\$13,815,227

PHHS Committee Direction

- After receiving initial recommendations on September 2, 2014, staff conducted pre-positioning meetings with the following:
 - Agencies that represent the 27 staff recommended programs
 - Currently funded agencies not recommended for funding
 - Three additional agencies
- Goal of pre-positioning meetings was to identify any cost saving opportunities in the initially proposed application

Results of the Meetings

- Reduced options were received from most agencies
- Agency responses
 - Most agencies provided 1- 3 options
 - A couple of agencies did not provide a reduction
- Original requested funding before the meetings from eligible agencies

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• Current requested funding after the meetings

- \$19,278,699
- Difference between available funding and current requested funding after meetings
 - \$3,463,472

Funding Allocations

• RFA Budget

- \$13,815,227
- Funded requested from agencies
 - \$30,298,993
- Budget allocation for pre-positioning meetings
 - \$13,815,227 RFA available
 - Additional \$1 million FY 15 budget allocation (ongoing)
 - An additional \$1 million from FY16 budget allocation to be proposed, via IFC to fully fund contracts (new Council will need to allocate)
 - \$250K from Current HHSD Planning funds
- \$16,065,227 in consideration for FY16

Staff Recommendation

27 Applications

Applications ranked highest to lowest; recommendations based on scores

- 80% "dedicated" funding in each the Life Continuum category:
 - Funding in each category utilized based on Applicant budget breakdown until each category's dedicated funds were exhausted
- 20% remainder uncategorized funding:
 - Used to "make whole" recommended Applications when funding in a proposed Life Continuum category was exhausted

PHHS Funding Recommendation

39 Applications

- 27 Recommended Programs
 - Existing programs 10% increase funding with some exceptions
 - New programs 70% of their requested funding with some exceptions
 - WERC 85% of their requested funding
- 10 Currently Funded Programs
 - 80% of their current level of funding with some exceptions
- 2 Agencies disqualified

Economic Development Dept. Workforce Development RFA

115 points available

- Connection to Goals: 70 points
- Cost Effectiveness: 20 points
- Local Business Presence: 10 points

Bonus Points

- Leveraging Funds: 5 points
- Healthy Service Environment: 10 points

RFA Agency Submissions

- 5 applications
 - 2 recommended for funding
 - 3 not recommended for funding

Economic Development Dept. RFA Recommendations

Agency	Evaluation Score	Training Category	Current Funding	Funding Requested	Total Recommended
Capital IDEA	97	Long-Term	\$1,130,650	\$1,200,000	\$1,130,650
Skillpoint Alliance	81	Short-Term	\$150,000	\$200,000	\$150,000
	Tota	\$1,400,000	\$1,280,650		

Questions