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## Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	37585	Agenda Number	42.
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Meeting Date:	11/20/2014	Department:	Health and Human Services
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### Subject

Authorize award, negotiation and execution of 30-month contracts with Foundation Communities and Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center, dba Austin Travis County Integral Care to provide comprehensive services for permanent supportive housing clients, beginning November 1, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$2,185,000 each and combined.

### Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$850,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2014-15, 1115 Medicaid Waiver budget. Funding for the remaining eighteen months of the original contract period is contingent on successful contract performance and available funding in future 1115 Medicaid Waiver budgets.

### Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On August 2, 2012, Council approved a Resolution (Resolution No. 20120802-029) supporting participation in the Federal 1115 Medicaid Waiver Program.
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Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

### Additional Backup Information

On March 25, 2010, Austin City Council passed Resolution No. 20100325-053 directing the City Manager to give priority to funding permanent supportive housing (PSH), and to develop a comprehensive strategy for the construction and operation of 350 permanent supportive housing units over the next four years. On October 2, 2014 Austin City Council passed Resolution No. 20141002-043 directing the City Manager to set a community target of 400 PSH units, with a minimum of 200 dedicated to 'Housing First' PSH, to be delivered through coordinated, community-wide efforts in the next four years and to adopt the updates to the PSH strategy recommended in the August 2014 PSH Evaluation Report.

In October 2013, the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) submitted an application to Travis County Healthcare District, dba Central Health, for a 3-year 1115 Medicaid Waiver project, to be included in the Region 7 Medicaid Waiver Application. This Medicaid Waiver project will enhance the City of Austin's existing PSH strategy by providing expanded Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) services to individuals who have experienced chronic

homelessness and co-occurring psychiatric, substance abuse and/or chronic medical conditions.

These contracts are for ACT team services to formerly homeless individuals residing in PSH beginning November 1, 2014 for a thirty-month period ending on April 30, 2017. Services include case management, mental health and substance abuse treatment, primary medical care, individual supportive therapy, and mobile crisis intervention. These services will be provided to chronically homeless individuals that may require services twenty-four hours and seven days a week. The goal of this ACT program is for participants to achieve housing stability, connect to a medical home, and ultimately live healthy, happy lives. Other goals include avoiding public emergency system usage, hospital inpatient re-admissions, averting involvement in the criminal justice system, promoting wellness and medication adherence, and ultimately, substance abuse recovery.

This recommendation results from a formal Request for Applications (RFA) process conducted by the Health and Human Services Department. The RFA was issued on September 2, 2014. Two applications were received.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Output Measure:

Number of Unduplicated Clients Served: 80

Outcome Measure:

Percent of individuals receiving specialized interventions who demonstrate improved functional status on the Adults Needs and Strengths Assessment (ANSA): Minimum 20%

**RELATED DEPARTMENTAL GOAL:** Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors, and lifestyle among targeted populations.

**Applications Received in Response to RFA Solicitation No. 20141115PSH  
2014 1115 Waiver Program  Comprehensive Services for Permanent Supportive Housing Clients**

**Funding Recommendations**

AGENCY NAME	PROGRAM NAME	APPLICAT ION SCORE	TOTAL REQUESTE D	TOTAL RECOMMEN DED
Foundation Communities	Health Options for Moving Toward Empowerment (HOME)	88	\$805,000	\$805,000
Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center, dba Austin Travis County Integral Care	High Intensity Team	71	\$2,300,000	\$1,380,000
<b>TOTAL RECOMMENDED</b>				<b>\$2,185,000</b>