

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	38088	Agenda Number	39.
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Meeting Date:	12/11/2014	Department:	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with FRONT STEPS, INC. to fund housing location services and financial assistance for homeless individuals and operations of the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless, for a nine-month term beginning on December 1, 2014, and ending on August 31, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$276,314 in grant funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Homeless Housing and Services Program with five 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$276,314 per renewal option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,657,884.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$276,314 is available from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Homeless Housing and Services Program Funds. The grant period is October 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015. Funding for the renewal options is contingent upon the availability of funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On September 9, 2014, Council approved the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget, Special Revenue Fund Ordinance No. 20140908-001.
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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 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 to administer the HHSP grant.

This contract will fund the Front Steps Housing Placement Program to support the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Rapid Rehousing program with financial assistance and service coordination. Front Steps staff will coordinate case management and financial assistance for homeless individuals who are residing on the streets, at the ARCH, or who are homeless participants in the ESG program at the Downtown Austin Community Court or Health and Human Services Department - Communicable Disease Unit. The contract will also provide funds for operational costs for the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH).

The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.