

# AGENDA



## Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	47626	Agenda Number	11.
Meeting Date:	8/6/2015		Department:	Health and Human Services	
Subject					
Authorize the negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 1 to a contract with AIDS SERVICES OF AUSTIN, INC. in an amount not to exceed \$61,910 in additional grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS grant for a twelve month period from October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015, with two twelve-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$792,352 per renewal option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,017,955.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding in the amount of \$61,910 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Approved Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department Special Revenue Fund, HOPWA-HUD grant.					
Fiscal Note					
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:	On October 11, 2012, Council approved ASA’s HOPWA 12-month contract from October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013 with four 12-month renewal options. On December 11, 2014, Council approved an ordinance to accept HOPWA funds for Fiscal Year 2014-2015, Item 38092, Agenda Number 43.				
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	Austin Area Comprehensive HIV Planning Council reviewed HOPWA allocation funds to purchase housing services for people living with HIV/AIDS.				
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					

## Additional Backup Information

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grant funds in the total amount of \$1,112,390 for HIV-related housing services provided in the Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area (EMSA). The EMSA includes Travis, Williamson, Hays, Bastrop, and Caldwell counties. Services under the HOPWA grant include short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance, tenant-based rental assistance, housing placement, and residential housing supportive services for HIV positive clients living in a qualified residential setting. Our annual grant award is formula driven and is a function of the total amount of HOPWA housing funds appropriated by the U.S. Congress and the reported number of AIDS cases in the Austin Transitional Grant Area

This Council item is time sensitive to ensure the community receives needed services. A delay in accepting these funds may impede the ability to meet the grant's performance measures, and funding may be terminated or

suspended.

As part of the HUD-required citizen participation plan, input was received from the community, which allowed for the continued support of the Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance Program and Residential Supportive Services Program. The additional \$61,910 allocated to the HOPWA Base Housing Program will be added to the Rent Mortgage and Utility Assistance category for a total contract cost of \$792,352.

The approved Fiscal Year 2013-2014 City of Austin Annual Plan includes HOPWA funding as follows:

Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance	\$ 792,352
Residential Supportive Services	\$ 286,631
Administration	\$ 33,371
Unallocated	<u>\$ 36</u>
	\$1,112,390