

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	48787	Agenda Number	24.
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Meeting Date:	9/17/2015	Department:	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Approve the negotiation and execution of amendments to contracts in a total amount not to exceed \$109,652 with the following three providers of HIV services under the Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Program: WATERLOO COUNSELING CENTER, INC. in an amount not to exceed \$15,645 for a revised current 12-month term amount not to exceed \$79,046 and total contract amount not to exceed \$380,212; PROJECT TRANSITIONS INC. in an amount not to exceed \$35,273 for a revised current 12-month term amount not to exceed \$112,273 and total contract amount not to exceed \$492,165; and THE WRIGHT HOUSE WELLNESS CENTER in an amount not to exceed \$58,734 for a revised current 12-month term amount not to exceed \$225,696 and a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,042,671.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$109,652 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Approved Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department Special Revenue Fund, Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Program. The grant period is March 1, 2015 to February 28, 2016.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Council approved Part A base contract and four one-year renewal options on April 5, 2012, as well as contract increases on June 12, 2014.
For More Information:	Shannon Jones, Director, Health and Human Services Department, 972-5010; Stephanie Hayden, Assistant Director for Community Services, 972-5017, Greg Bolts, HIV Resources Administration Manager, 972-5081, Elena Shemilina, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5033.
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	The Austin Area Comprehensive HIV Planning Council on September 5, 2014 allocated grant funds according to demonstrated need.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The purpose of the Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Program is to provide support to clients who have been affected by HIV/AIDS and reside in the five-county Austin Transitional Grant Area that includes Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson counties. The program's goal is to ensure access to primary medical care and medications, as well as providing critical support services necessary to maintain individuals in the system of HIV care. These services are provided in partnership with local AIDS services organizations and Community-based organizations.

The Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) received the first Notice of Award (NOA) of grant funds on February 18, 2015 for \$3,589,505. On May 21, 2015, HHSD received a second NOA for \$900,248. The current total grant award amount is now \$4,489,753. On September 5, 2014, the Austin Area Comprehensive HIV Planning Council, by its legislatively mandated responsibility of prioritizing and allocating Part A service funds, allocated Fiscal

Year 2015-2016 Part A funds to core and supportive services based on a demonstrated need for these services.

This grant provides direct financial assistance to communities most severely affected by the HIV epidemic. The additional \$109,652 will be utilized by the organizations listed in the Performance Measures Section below to provide medical and support services to clients in the five-county area.

This council item is time sensitive to ensure that the services are provided to the community. A delay in amending these contracts may negatively affect meeting the grant's performance measures and the funder may terminate or suspend funding.

Performance Measures

Related Department Goal

Promotion/Prevention/Protection: Social Services - Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors and lifestyle among targeted populations.

Output Measures:

Through WATERLOO COUNSELING CENTER, approximately three eligible clients will receive approximately 49 units of Mental Health counseling services. One unit=15 minutes with client

Through PROJECT TRANSITIONS, approximately three eligible clients will receive approximately 124 units of Hospice Services. One unit=one day in hospice

Through THE WRIGHT HOUSE WELLNESS CENTER, approximately 10 eligible clients will receive approximately 558 units of Non-Medical Case Management. One unit=15 minutes with client