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Recommendation for Council Action

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| Austin City Council | Item ID | 70115 | Agenda Number | 12. |
| Meeting Date: | 4/20/2017 | | Department: | Public Health |
| Subject | | | | |
| <p>Approve the negotiation and execution of an agreement with AUSTIN TRAVIS COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH MENTAL RETARDATION CENTER, dba INTEGRAL CARE to provide intensive support services for individuals with disabilities who are in need of permanent supportive housing for an initial six-month term beginning on April 1, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$600,000, with four 12-month renewal options not to exceed \$600,000 per renewal option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.</p> | | | | |
| Amount and Source of Funding | | | | |
| <p>Funding in the amount of \$600,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget of Austin Public Health.</p> | | | | |
| Fiscal Note | | | | |
| <p>A fiscal note is not required.</p> | | | | |
| Purchasing Language: | | | | |
| Prior Council Action: | On September 14, 2016, Council approved Ordinance No. 20160914-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget. | | | |
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| Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action: | | | | |
| MBE / WBE: | | | | |
| Related Items: | | | | |
| Additional Backup Information | | | | |

On March 25, 2010, Austin City Council passed a Resolution to improve Permanent Supportive Housing. The Council Resolution directed Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department and Austin Public Health Department staff to develop a comprehensive strategy to construct and operate 350 new units of permanent supportive housing (PSH) over four years. The directive was based from reports and recommendations from Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO) and the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH). The resolution also directed staff to prioritize funding for PSH that targeted the most vulnerable populations. Vulnerable populations include residents with annual incomes at or below 30 percent median family.

City Council Resolution 20140320-048 acknowledged Housing First as a critical strategy to achieving success in ending chronic homelessness in the City of Austin. The resolution directed staff to "Prepare a formal solicitation for a Housing First PSH Project that coordinates the required capital investment with multi-year resident support services, including the Health and Human Services Request for Applications and other funding sources, to be reviewed by the Leadership Committee on PSH Finance."

In September 2014, the City of Austin through its housing subsidiary, the Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC), issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a qualified firm to develop a "Housing First" PSH development project. On December 11, 2014, the successful respondent, Integral Care, to construct 50 units of Housing First PSH received the award. Austin Public Health committed \$600,000 towards providing on-going supportive services. This RCA action will allow staff to negotiate and execute an agreement with Integral Care for the implementation of an interdisciplinary service team providing intensive, community-based wrap-around services to individuals in need of permanent supportive housing.

Related Departmental Goal: Social Services – Promote a healthy community by addressing the needs of vulnerable households.

Performance Measures:

Output: Number of Unduplicated Clients Served: 50

Outcome: Percentage of individuals that maintain housing due to receiving supportive services: 80%