

Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: November 9, 2017 Item Number: 028

Public Health

Authorize negotiation and execution of contracts for initial 12-month terms through September 30, 2018 with two twelve month renewal options, for the provision of HIV-related housing services under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS grant, with the following providers: AIDS Services of Austin, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$906,681 for the first 12-month term and \$904,030 for each 12-month renewal option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,714,741; Project Transitions, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$354,416 for the first 12-month term and \$354,010 for each 12-month renewal option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,062,436.

Lead Department	Austin Public Health.
Fiscal Note	A fiscal note is not required.
Prior Council Action	On August 6, 2015 Council approved 12-month contracts for AIDS Services of Austin, Inc. and Project Transitions, Inc. from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016 with one 12-month renewal option.
For More Information	Adrienne Sturrup, Acting Assistant Director for APH Health Equity and Community Engagement Division, 972-5167; Gregory Bolds, HIV Resources Administration Manager, 972-5081, Estella Kirscht, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5039.

Additional Backup Information:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded grant funds for Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) in the amount of \$1,296,948 for HIV-related housing services to be provided in the Austin 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. HOPWA grant funds may be expended over three years from the date of the annual grant award. As part of the HUD required citizen participation plan, community feedback was received and led to the continued support of programs for rent, mortgage, and utility assistance, and residential supportive services.

An additional \$3,073.15 in prior year unexpended funds will be added to the FY17-18 allocations as outlined below increasing the total allocation to \$1,300,021.15.

The approved Fiscal Year 2017-2018 City of Austin Annual Plan includes HOPWA funding as follows:

As part of the HUD required citizen participation plan, input from the community was received which resulted in continued support of both the Rent, Mortgage, Utility Assistance, and Residential Supportive Services programs.

The approved Fiscal Year 2017-2018 City of Austin Annual Plan includes HOPWA funding as follows:

	FY2017-18	Carryover	Total	
Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance Facility -Based Housing & Support Services	\$ 904,030.00 \$ 354,010.00	\$ 2,651 \$ 406	\$ 906,681 \$ 354,416	
Total	\$ 1,258,040.00	\$ 3,057	\$ 1,261,097	—

Administration costs for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 were expected to total \$38,908 but \$18 remained at the end of the term, which will be carried over to the next term for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, for a new total administration cost of \$38,926.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

HHSD Related Departmental Goal:

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

OUTPUT MEASURE:

About 285 eligible households will receive rent, utilities assistance, and other housing support in varying amounts depending on demonstrated need. Direct services for eligible clients including rent, mortgage,

and utility assistance plus approved administrative support funding.

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