

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: December 14, 2017

Item Number: **093**

Public Health

Approve negotiation and execution of an agreement with Ending Community Homelessness Coalition, Inc. for the provision of homeless navigation services in an amount not to exceed \$130,000, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$130,000 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$650,000.

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| Lead Department | Austin Public Health. |
| Fiscal Note | This item has no fiscal impact. Funding in the amount of \$130,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget of Austin Public Health. Funding for renewal options is contingent upon the availability of funding in future budgets. |
| Prior Council Action | N/A. |
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| Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action | N/A. |

Additional Backup Information:

During the Fiscal Year 2018 budget process, Council voted to approve funding for Navigation Centers around the community to connect people experiencing homelessness with available resources and services. The approved funding provides for 2 Navigators to be co-located with existing service locations, with one navigator located in the South Austin area, serving individuals experiencing homelessness throughout South Austin neighborhoods.

The Ending Community Homeless Coalition, Inc. (ECHO) will deliver support services for individuals experiencing homelessness. The two navigators working across the community will connect people outside the downtown area with opportunities for emergency, temporary, and permanent housing and the support services for success, such as applying for available benefits, education and training, and other support toward economic stability; as well as physical and mental health care, leading to greater community health and safety.

According to the most recent Homeless Point in Time Count in January 2017, 2,036 individuals were counted as homeless in the Austin/Travis County region on a single night. During all of 2016, 7,101 individuals were known to have experienced homelessness in Austin/Travis County. Outreach and navigation services for individuals experiencing homelessness is one component of the services required to reduce homelessness in the community.

Performance measures, including Outputs and Outcomes, will be negotiated.

Related Departmental Goal: Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors, and lifestyle among targeted populations.