

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: August 23, 2018

Item Number: **023**

Public Health

Authorize negotiation and execution of amendments to contracts to increase funding for HIV social services with the following providers: AIDS Services of Austin, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$85,939 for a 12-month term beginning March 1, 2018 and \$239,112 for a 12-month term beginning March 1, 2019, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$5,166,196; Community Action, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$16,043 for a 12-month term beginning March 1, 2018 and \$21,929 for a 12-month term beginning March 1, 2019, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$173,014; Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center d/b/a Integral Care in an amount not to exceed \$76,830 for a 12-month term beginning March 1, 2018 and \$114,857 for a 12-month term beginning March 1, 2019, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$1,164,524; Central Texas Community Health Centers d/b/a Community Care in an amount not to exceed \$82,466 for a 12-month term beginning March 1, 2018 and \$256,341 for a 12-month term beginning March 1, 2019, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$5,636,327; Project Transitions, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$54,451 for a 12-month term beginning March 1, 2018 and \$66,619 for a 12-month term beginning March 1, 2019, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$470,114; The Wright House Wellness Center, Inc., d/b/a ASHwell in an amount not to exceed \$71,938 for a 12-month term beginning March 1, 2018 and \$105,705 for a 12-month term beginning March 1, 2019, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$1,039,837.

Lead Department	Austin Public Health.
Fiscal Note	Funding for this contract is contingent upon available federal funding in future federal budgets.
Prior Council Action	February 15, 2018 - Council approved an amendment to the Ryan White Part A contract with AIDS Services of Austin, Inc., on a 9-0 vote with Council Member Troxclair abstaining and Council Member Casar off the dais. February 16, 2017 - Council approved negotiation and execution of contracts with seven local HIV service provider agencies for the Ryan White Part A grant program beginning March 1, 2017, on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Troxclair abstaining.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action	On June 25, 2018, the Austin HIV Planning Council exercised its legislatively mandated responsibility of allocating Ryan White Part A Grant funds by HIV Service Category based on demonstrated need by adopting a revised 2018-2019 Allocation Plan. A 2019-2020 Application Allocation Request is expected to be approved by the HIV Planning Council on July 30, 2018, but the actual 2019-2020 award will not be known until the first quarter of 2019.

Additional Backup Information:

The purpose of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 is to provide support to clients affected by HIV/AIDS residing in the five-county Austin Transitional Grant Area that includes Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson counties. The program goal is to ensure access to primary medical care, medications, and 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 Ryan White Part A grant provides direct financial assistance to communities most severely affected by the HIV epidemic.

This Council item is time sensitive to ensure that contracts can be executed to continue services to Persons Living with HIV throughout the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 grant terms. Additional contracting capacity for each contract is recommended in order to 1) adjust contracts to actual Federal awards as they are received; 2) adjust contracts based on adopted service allocations and reallocations by the HIV Planning Council, and late-term rapid reallocations as permitted by the HIV Resources Administration Unit; 3) provide the ability to execute contracts within 45 days of Federal Notice of Award as required by grant terms and conditions; and 4) avoid repeated requests to Council in 2018-2020 for contract amendments based on a need to shift funds from one service or community partner to another in a timely manner as required by the grant. The City's obligation to pay is strictly limited to funding awarded by the Federal government and appropriately channeled to services and community partners according to legislation and regulation.

Services provided under this contract include Oral Health Care, Medical Case Management, Non-Medical Case Management, Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance, Medical Nutrition Therapy, Food Bank/Home-Delivered Meals, and Early Intervention Services.

The services provided for each contract is as follows:

1. AIDS Services of Austin, Inc.: Oral Health Care, Medical Case Management, Non-Medical Case Management, Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance, Medical Nutrition Therapy, Food Bank/Home-Delivered Meals, and Early Intervention Services.
2. Community Action, Inc.: Non-Medical Case Management Services.
3. Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center d/b/a Integral Care: Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse Services (Inpatient and Outpatient), and Psychosocial Support Services.
4. Central Texas Community Health Centers d/b/a Community Care: Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services, Local AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance, Emergency Financial Assistance, and Mental Health Services.
5. Project Transitions, Inc.: Housing Services.
6. The Wright House Wellness Center, Inc., d/b/a ASHwell: Medical Case Management and Non-Medical Case Management.