

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: August 30, 2018

Item Number: **019**

Public Health

Authorize negotiation and execution of an increase to a contract with AIDS Services of Austin, Inc, for the Housing Opportunities for Persons Living With HIV/AIDS Program in an amount not to exceed \$102,039 for each of the 12-month terms beginning October 1, 2018 and October 1, 2019, for a total revised contract amount not to exceed \$2,918,819.

Lead Department	Austin Public Health.
Fiscal Note	Funding for the contract is contingent upon available Federal funding.
Prior Council Action	November 9, 2017 - Council approved authorization and negotiation of contracts for initial 12-month terms through September 20, 2018 with two twelve month renewal options, approved on consent on Council Member Garza’s motion, Council Member Casar’s second, on a 10-0 vote, Council Member Troxclair abstained.
For More Information	Stephanie Hayden, Director, 512-972-5010; Adrienne Sturup, Interim Assistant Director, 512-972-5167; Glenn Selfe, HIV Resources Administration Unit Interim Manager, 512-972-5115; Estella Kirscht, Agenda Coordinator, 512-972-5039.

Additional Backup Information:

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (also known as HUD) has awarded Housing

Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grant funds in the amount of \$1,469,159 for HIV-related housing services to be provided in the Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area (EMSA) for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

The EMSA includes Travis, Williamson, Hays, Bastrop, and Caldwell counties. Services provided 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.

The annual grant award is formula-driven and is a function of the total amount of HOPWA funds appropriated by the U.S. Congress.

For Fiscal Year 2018-2019, Austin Public Health, with the agreement and cooperation of both HOPWA sub-recipients, has reorganized the structure of the HOPWA program so that it is sub-recipient based rather than service-type based. This provides the flexibility within each sponsor-based project to reallocate funds within allowable HOPWA service categories with significantly less administrative burden and delay, and funnel dollars into the service category where they are needed most at any given time. Funding shifts from the adopted project-sponsor budget must be approved in advance by the manager for the HOPWA grant within the Austin Public Health Department.

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

<u>Sub-recipient</u>	<u>FY 2018-2019 Annual Plan Allocations</u>
AIDS Services of Austin, Inc.	\$1,024,069
Project Transitions, Inc.	\$401,016
Administration	\$44,074
Total	\$1,469,159