

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL**

**Regular Meeting: September 20, 2018**

Item Number: **022**

**Public Health**

Authorize negotiation and execution of the tenth amendment to an agreement with Front Steps, Inc. for the provision of permanent supportive housing services, adding one 12-month extension option beginning October 1, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$ 111,149, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$913,145.

<b>Lead Department</b>	Austin Public Health.
<b>Fiscal Note</b>	Funding for the contract is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.
<b>Prior Council Action</b>	On August 17, 2017, Council approved Amendment No. 8 which added one 12-month extension option and \$108,438, on an 11-0 vote. On September 22, 2016, Council approved Amendment No. 5 which added one 12-month extension option and \$106,000, on an 8-1 vote with Council Member Zimmerman voting no, Council Member Casar off the dais and Council Member Troxclair absent. On April 26, 2012, Council approved the negotiation and execution of a 30-month agreement with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$576,409, on a 7-0 vote.
<b>For More Information</b>	Stephanie Hayden, Director, 512-972-5010; Adrienne Sturup, Interim Assistant Director, 512-972-5167; Vella Karman, Social Services Policy Manager, 512-972-5064; Estella Kirscht, Agenda Coordinator, 512-972-5039.

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**Additional Backup Information:**

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 10 with Front Steps, allowing the continuation of permanent supportive housing (PSH) services to individuals who have experienced chronic homelessness and frequent use of emergency systems and criminal justice systems.

Council authorization is being sought prior to the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019 budget in order to allow the parties sufficient time for negotiation and execution of an agreement with a start date of October 1, 2018, ensuring an uninterrupted continuation of services.

The City previously executed Amendment No. 9 to the agreement, which added a 2.5% cost of living increase in the amount of \$2,711, and was approved by Council for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Amendment No. 8 exercised a 12-month extension option beginning October 1, 2017 for \$108,438. Amendment No. 7 was a no-cost modification of program exhibits. Amendment No. 6 added a 2.3% cost of living increase in the amount of \$2,438, which was approved by Council for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Amendment No. 5 exercised a 12-month extension option beginning September 30, 2016 for \$106,000. Amendment No. 4 added a 6% cost of living increase in the amount of \$6,000, which was approved by Council for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Amendment No. 3 exercised a 12-month extension option beginning October 1, 2015 for \$100,000. Amendment No. 2 exercised a 12-month extension option beginning October 1, 2014. Amendment No. 1 was a no-cost amendment to add client eligibility requirements to the agreement. The original 30-month agreement was approved by Council for \$376,409 beginning April 1, 2012.

On March 25, 2010, Council passed Resolution No. 20100325-053 directing the City Manager to give priority to funding for PSH, and to develop a comprehensive strategy for the construction and operation of 350 permanent supportive housing units over the next four years.

On October 2, 2014, Council passed Resolution No. 20141002-043 directing the City Manager to set a community target of 400 additional PSH units to be delivered through coordinated, community-wide efforts within four years, and to adopt updates to the PSH strategy recommended in the August 2014 PSH Evaluation Report.