



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-1320, **Agenda Item #:** 9.

3/7/2019

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of agreements for housing-focused supportive services each for an initial 12-month term with four 12-month extension options with: Austin Recovery, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$234,474 for the initial term and \$234,474 for each extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,172,370; Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center doing business as Integral Care in an amount not to exceed \$261,668 for the initial term and \$261,668 for each extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,308,340; Communities for Recovery, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$163,558 for the initial term and \$163,558 for each extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$817,790; Front Steps, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$340,300 for the initial term and \$340,300 for each extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,701,500.

Lead Department

Municipal Court

Fiscal Note

Funding for the initial 12-month agreements is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Austin Municipal Court Operating Budget. Funding for future years is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Prior Council Action:

On September 11, 2018, Council approved Ordinance No. 20180911-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

Long-term homelessness, physical and mental health issues, and substance use disorders are among the common challenges of the clients of the Intensive Case Management (ICM) program at Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC). All of these factors serve as barriers to achieving stability, and obtaining and maintaining housing. The ICM staff connect clients with supportive services and work to locate permanent housing for all clients. Council approved funding for expansion of social service agreements to address these community needs during the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget process.

The City solicited applications from qualified social services providers to provide housing-focused support services to clients of the DACC ICM program. Applicants were required to have successful experience providing the proposed service(s) and/or working with the target population. Agencies with experience serving the target population seeking to create a new program, or that have a successful program that could benefit the target populations were encouraged to apply.

DACC sought feedback from the Austin Homeless Advisory Committee (AHAC) during the development

process of this solicitation. AHAC is a group of individuals who have experienced homelessness in Austin, who meet biweekly to provide input on policies and services that affect people experiencing homelessness. The solicitation was advertised through One Voice Central Texas, a coalition of over one hundred local health and human services organizations and through CTOSH (Collaboration Technologies for Organizations Serving the Homeless), a primary method of communication for local planning groups, homeless services providers, and individuals interested in issues of homelessness in Austin and Travis County. Thirteen applications were received.

The following awards are recommended by DACC:

1. Austin Recovery, Inc., providing up to 90-days of residential treatment and intensive outpatient programming for individuals with substance use disorders.
2. Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center dba Integral Care, providing brief residential treatment programs for clients experiencing homelessness, programs meeting needs of clients in a pre-contemplative stage of readiness for change, and trauma-informed services for homeless women.
3. Communities for Recovery, providing peer-based recovery support services for persons with substance use disorders or co-occurring mental health disorders.
4. Front Steps, Inc., providing twenty permanent supportive housing units and targeted case management support.