



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-2269, **Agenda Item #:** 40.

6/19/2019

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 10 to the agreement with Sickie Cell Texas Marc Thomas Foundation for the provision of health navigation services related to sickle cell anemia, adding one 12-month extension option beginning October 1, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$152,873, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$753,554.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health

Fiscal Note

Funding for the contract is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Prior Council Action:

On September 17, 2015, Council authorized the negotiation and execution of a contract with Sickie Cell Marc Thomas Foundation for an initial 12-month term beginning October 1, 2015, and three 12-month extension options, on a 10-0 vote, with Council Member Zimmerman abstaining.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 10 to the agreement with Sickie Cell Texas Marc Thomas Foundation (SCTMTF) for the continued provision of health navigation services for individuals living with or at risk of having sickle cell anemia disease or trait.

Austin Public Health has contracted with SCTMTF since 2003 to serve clients with sickle cell disease or sickle cell trait, as well as targeted at-risk populations. The organization serves as a navigator to help individuals, caregivers, and family members gain access to resources, respite, certified case management, and other support needed to maintain self-sufficiency. By educating those affected, along with at-risk populations, this program provides resources that are essential to the health of families.

Council authorization is sought prior to the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget to allow the parties sufficient time for negotiation and execution of an extension start date of October 1, 2019, ensuring an uninterrupted continuation of services.

Amendment No. 9 was a no-cost amendment to modify agreement exhibits. Amendment No. 8 exercised the third authorized 12-month extension option beginning October 1, 2018. Amendment No. 7 was a no-cost amendment to modify agreement exhibits. Amendment No. 6 added a 2.5% cost of living increase in the amount of \$3,729, which was approved by Council for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Amendment No. 5 exercised the second 12-month extension option beginning October 1, 2017. Amendment No. 4 was a no-cost amendment to modify agreement exhibits. Amendment No. 3 exercised the first 12-month extension option beginning

October 1, 2016 and added a 2.3% cost of living increase in the amount of \$3,353, which was approved by Council for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Amendment No. 2 was a no-cost amendment to modify program exhibits. Amendment No. 1 added a 6% cost of living increase in the amount of \$6,427, which was approved by Council for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. The original 12-month agreement was approved by Council for \$139,364 beginning October 1, 2015.

There are two main goals of the program: (1) provide education regarding sickle cell disease and/or trait, treatment options for those with the disease and/or trait, case management, navigation and referrals to other providers, and resources to stabilize the health and wellbeing of the individuals with sickle cell disease and/or trait and the family as a whole; (2) increase awareness, knowledge, and engagement of the community regarding sickle cell.

Services promote early detection, prevention, and education regarding informed decision-making and reproductive choices, and treatment to the at-risk population and those who have tested for the disease and/or trait.