



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-2265, **Agenda Item #:** 44.

6/19/2019

Posting Language

Approve a resolution to authorize acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$507,489 from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the Housing and Homeless Services Program.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$507,489 is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

September 11, 2018 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20180911-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Austin Public Operating Budget, which authorized \$508,000 in grant appropriation for the Homeless Housing and Services Program Grant, on a vote of 10-1, with Council Member Troxclair voting no.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) was authorized by the Texas Legislature in the 81st Legislative Session. It was the first program that authorized state funding for homeless services and homelessness prevention. Through HHSP, the State appropriates funding to the eight largest cities in Texas according to population.

On March 20, 2019, the City received notification of funding allocation for Austin in the amount of \$507,489 for the program period September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020.

Austin Public Health will allocate HHSP funding to continue emergency shelter services, case management and housing assistance for single adults and families at the Salvation Army Social Service Center Emergency Shelter downtown, and support the federal Emergency Solutions Grant program with financial assistance, case management, and shelter operations at the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH) operated by Front Steps. Performance measures will be negotiated during contract development with these agencies.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.

All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure the grant minimizes financial impact to the City.

This action will provide the Resolution required by Title 10, Section 7.22 of the Texas Administrative Code, which requires (1) approval by the receiving entity's governing body authorizing execution of the contract for

HHSP funds; (2) identifying the title of the person authorized to represent the entity and possesses signature authority to execute the contract; and (3) dated not more than twelve months from the date of contract execution.