



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 19-2680, **Agenda Item #:** 36.

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### Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Youth and Family Alliance, dba LifeWorks, for provision of youth homeless services in an amount not to exceed \$155,354 for the 12-month period beginning September 1, 2019 with one 12-month extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$310,708.

### Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

### Fiscal Note

Grant funding in the amount of \$155,354 is included in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Austin Public Health Department Operating Special Revenue Fund, accepted from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Housing and Homeless Services Program (HHSP) homeless youth set-aside fund.

### Prior Council Action:

On August 8, 2019, Council approved acceptance and appropriation of HHSP homeless youth set-aside grant funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, on an 11 to 0 vote.

### For More Information:

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### Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will allow Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute an agreement with LifeWorks for youth homeless services. Eligible grant-funded activities include emergency shelter services, case management, street outreach, and transitional living for homeless youth and young adults up to age 24. Program services and performance measures will be negotiated during agreement development.

LifeWorks is the current recipient of funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program, and coordinates with several community partners to end youth homelessness, including The SAFE Alliance, Caritas of Austin, and ECHO (also known as Ending Community Homelessness Coalition).

The new Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) homeless youth set-aside fund was authorized by the Texas Legislature in House Bill 1 (HB1) of the 86<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. The Governor signed HB1 on June 15, 2019.

Through HHSP, the State appropriates funding to the eight largest cities in Texas according to population. On June 10, 2019, the City received notification of the additional new funding allocation for Austin in the amount of \$155,354 for the program period September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020, for homeless youth services.

Rider 16 provides direction regarding the new funding: "Funding to Address Youth Homelessness. From funds appropriated in Strategy C.1.1, Poverty-Related Funds, the Department of Housing and Community Affairs shall designate \$1,500,000 in each fiscal year to assist regional urban areas with a population of 285,500 or

more, in providing services to unaccompanied homeless youth and homeless young adults 24 years of age and younger. Eligible services may include case management, emergency shelter, street outreach, and transitional living. The agency shall distribute these funds through the Homeless Housing and Services Program.”

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