



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-1011, **Agenda Item #:** 36.

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Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20190911-001) to accept and appropriate \$35,135 in grant funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the Ending Homelessness Fund. Related to Item #37.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$35,135 is available from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

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Additional Backup Information:

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) recently released the Ending Homelessness Fund (EHF) for cities receiving other TDHCA funding for homeless services. These funds come from the voluntary contributions of Texans during Vehicle Registration. This is the first-year allocations will be made available from the EHF. The program design reflects the current Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) administered by TDHCA and the grant period is December 1, 2019 through November 30, 2020.

On June 5, 2019, the City received notification of a funding allocation for Austin in the amount of \$35,135. On November 25, 2019, the City received contract documents from TDHCA to complete for a program period of December 1, 2019 to November 30, 2020. Austin Public Health will allocate EHF to provide financial assistance to support the new HHSP-Youth Set Aside Program for operations, transitional housing, case management, street outreach and housing assistance for homeless youth and young adults up to age 24 through its partnership with the Youth and Family Alliance, Inc., dba LifeWorks. LifeWorks is the recipient of funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (also known as HUD) for the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program and coordinates with several community partners to end youth homelessness. Performance measures will be negotiated during contract development.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, the Austin Public Health Department's need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied.