



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-1094, **Agenda Item #:** 41.

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Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 2 with Family Eldercare, Inc. to expand rapid re-housing case management services in an amount not to exceed \$102,056, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$890,806.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

One-time funding in the amount of \$102,056 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Austin Public Health Department's Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

September 11, 2019 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20190911-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget, which included \$1,500,000 in one-time funding for homeless campgrounds or alternatives, on a 10-1 vote with Council Member Flannigan voting no.

June 28, 2018 - Council authorized execution of an agreement with Family Eldercare to provide rapid re-housing services for an initial 15-month term in an amount not to exceed \$157,750, with up to four 12-month extension options, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$788,750, on an 11-0 vote.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 2 with Family Eldercare to increase funding and expand rapid re-housing case management services for the purpose of resourcing Guided Path efforts and future Encampment Resolution strategies.

In October 2019, the Homeless Strategy Office partnered with the Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO), Austin Public Health, Downtown Austin Community Court, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, and the Austin Police Department to co-convene the homeless provider community to design a strategy to address the encampments outside of the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH). The Guided Path Pilot Project aims to both reduce the health and safety risks for those living in encampments and prevent and end homelessness through long term solutions. Expanded case management services will be coordinated with other rapid re-housing resources to engage participants, locate and facilitate housing placement options, and provide housing stability services once participants exit homelessness into housing.

Amendment No. 1 exercised the first of four authorized extension options, adding \$157,750 for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2019.

On June 28, 2018, Council authorized execution of an agreement with Family Eldercare to provide rapid re-housing services to homeless households consisting of individuals age 55 and older, for an initial 15-month term in an amount not to exceed \$157,750, with up to four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$157,750 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$788,750.

On April 20, 2018, Austin Public Health issued a Request for Applications (also known as an RFA) with a deadline of May 18, 2018 and received four applications. The objective of this competitive solicitation was to establish one or more agreements with qualified nonprofits or government entities for the provision of rapid re-housing services for individuals and/or families experiencing homelessness. Applicants were required to have successful experience providing services to homeless individuals and/or families, administering financial assistance for housing related expenses, finding housing for individuals/families with high housing barriers, and coordinating with outreach programs. Family Eldercare was one of the highest scoring applicants and they were awarded funding to provide rapid re-housing services.