



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-1276, **Agenda Item #:** 35.

2/6/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Matthew Doherty for homelessness consulting services in an amount not to exceed \$95,000 for the 8-month period ending September 30, 2020, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$95,000.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$95,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute an agreement with Matthew Doherty for homelessness consulting services. Mr. Doherty will work with City leadership, key partners and community stakeholders to develop short and long-term priorities and provide recommendations on strategies and actions critical to addressing homelessness.

Recently, Mr. Doherty served from 2015 through 2019 as the Executive Director of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, leading the work of 19 federal member agencies to prevent and end homelessness across the nation. He has extensive experience and expertise in local, regional, and national best practices, strategies and policy development.

Council has identified homelessness as the top priority of the City of Austin, in conjunction with Austin Strategic Direction 2023. The consulting work provided by Mr. Doherty will be a key component in the City's community-wide coordination and planning to effectively prevent and end homelessness.