



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-1850, **Agenda Item #:** 70.

4/9/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Revolution Foods to provide prepared meal distribution to the homeless community in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for a nine-week term beginning April 1, 2020, with two four-week extension options.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$400,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Austin Public Health Department 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 for Homeless Campgrounds or Alternatives on a 10-1 vote with Council Member Flannigan voting no.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute an agreement with Revolution Foods to provide prepared meal distribution at up to 50 sites across Austin at high-need locations that are not currently serviced by the existing emergency food network (e.g. areas with high concentrations of homeless populations) and to fill gaps where existing charitable feeding locations have ceased operations. Execution of this agreement is a component of the City's response to the current public health emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and will ensure the provision of food access to Austin's most vulnerable population and citizens in need of quarantine.

This agreement will be negotiated for an initial nine-week term in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 beginning April 1, 2020, with two four-week extension options.

Revolution Foods has a B Corp certification, which means that its mission and commitment has been validated by a third-party, and they have community-driven goals. Revolution Foods has been providing meals to school districts across the country, serving over 2.5 million meals per week.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.