



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2007, **Agenda Item #:** 46.

5/7/2020

Posting Language

Authorize the ratification of an agreement with Catholic Charities to provide direct relief services to Austin/Travis County residents impacted by COVID-19 in an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000 for the term of April 20, 2020 through September 30, 2020.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$1,600,000 is included in the FY 2019-2020 General Fund Emergency Reserve Fund for Relief in a State of Emergency Fund to support COVID-19 emergency relief.

Prior Council Action:

April 9, 2020 - Council approved Resolution No. 20200409-081 to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 for the Relief in a State of Emergency Fund to support COVID-19 emergency relief, with a 11-0 vote on the virtual dais.

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will authorize ratification of an agreement with Catholic Charities to provide direct relief services to Austin/Travis County residents impacted by COVID-19. The term for this agreement is April 20, 2020 through September 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000 for a total contract amount of \$1,600,000, with no extension options.

On April 9, 2020, City Council approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 General Fund Emergency Reserve Fund (Ordinance No. 20190910-001) to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 for the Relief in a State of Emergency (RISE) Fund to support COVID-19 emergency relief. On the same day, City Council approved Resolution No. 20200409-081, which authorized the City Manager to negotiate and execute new emergency contracts funded from the Relief in a State of Emergency (RISE) Fund to offer immediate support services and direct financial assistance to residents impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and economic crisis.

Catholic Charities will use the direct relief assistance to serve people of color, the LGBTQI+ community, immigrant communities, seniors, historically marginalized individuals, survivors of domestic violence, and those at risk of homelessness. They will provide the following direct relief assistance: mortgage and/or rental assistance, assistance with utility bills, and assistance with car payments.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.