



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2034, **Agenda Item #:** 49.

5/7/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of contracts for funding of HIV social services with the following providers: AIDS Services of Austin, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$118,368 for a 12-month term beginning April 1, 2020; Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center d/b/a Integral Care in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for a 12-month term beginning April 1, 2020; Central Texas Community Health Centers d/b/a Community Care in an amount not to exceed \$7,260 for a 12-month term beginning April 1, 2020; Project Transitions, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for a 12-month term beginning April 1, 2020; The Wright House Wellness Center, Inc., d/b/a ASHwell in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for a 12-month term beginning April 1, 2020; and Waterloo Counseling Center in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for a 12-month term beginning April 1, 2020.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$267,364 is available from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resource and Service Administration. The Fiscal Year 2020 grant contract period is April 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021. Funding is limited to the dates listed and will expire on March 31, 2021.

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Additional Backup Information:

The goal of the Health Resource and Service Administration grant is to assist people living with HIV in reducing the spread of COVID19. The grant number is 20-Part A-COVID-19-C3. This new grant requires the City to have separate contracts with the service providers. This is a 1-year non-renewable grant that started 04/01/2020 and will conclude on 03/31/2021. The funds are stipulated to be used to control the spread of COVID19 and assist those in needs related to the COVID19 pandemic, including a portion that can be used for administrative expenses. This Council item is time sensitive to ensure contracts can be executed for services to Persons Living with HIV throughout the 2020-2021 COVID19 pandemic. This approval will provide staff the ability to execute contracts within 45 days of Federal Notice of Award as required by grant terms and conditions.

APH recommends the following awards:

1. AIDS Services of Austin, Inc.: Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance, Food Bank/Home-Delivered Meals, and Emergency Financial Assistance, and Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services.
2. Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center d/b/a Integral Care: Mental Health

Services, Substance Abuse Services (Outpatient).

3. Central Texas Community Health Centers d/b/a Community Care: Emergency Financial Assistance.
4. Project Transitions, Inc.: Housing Services.
5. The Wright House Wellness Center, Inc., d/b/a ASHwell: Medical Case Management and Non-Medical Case Management, Emergency Financial Services, and Food Bank/Home-Delivered Meals.
6. Waterloo Counseling Center: Mental Health Services

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment; Economic Opportunity and Affordability.