



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2067, **Agenda Item #:** 52.

5/7/2020

Posting Language

Authorize ratification of an agreement with Austin Voices for Education and Youth to provide direct relief and direct financial assistance to Austin/Travis County residents impacted by COVID-19 in an amount not to exceed \$450,000 for the term of May 4, 2020 through September 30, 2020.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$450,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 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 an 11-0 vote on the virtual dais.

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will authorize the ratification of an agreement with Austin Voices for Education and Youth to provide direct relief and direct financial assistance to Austin/Travis County residents impacted by COVID-19. The term for this agreement is May 4, 2020 through September 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$450,000 for a total contract amount of \$450,000, 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 RISE Fund to offer immediate support services and direct financial assistance to residents impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and economic crisis.

Austin Voices for Education and Youth will use the direct relief and direct financial assistance to continue serving people of color, the LGBTQI+ community, immigrant communities, seniors, historically marginalized individuals, and survivors of domestic violence. Direct relief and direct financial assistance services will include: food access, case management, essential hygiene, mortgage or rental assistance, assistance with utility bills, assistance with medical expenses, diapers and baby formula and transportation needs.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.