



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 20-2070, **Agenda Item #:** 55.

5/7/2020

### **Posting Language**

Authorize ratification of an agreement with The ARC of the Capital Area to provide direct relief and direct financial assistance to Austin/Travis County residents impacted by COVID-19 in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for the term of May 4, 2020 through September 30, 2020.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$250,000 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 a 11-0 vote on the virtual dais.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

This action will authorize the ratification of an agreement with The ARC of the Capital Area 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 \$250,000 for a total contract amount of \$250,000, 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.

The ARC of the Capital Area will use the direct relief and direct financial assistance to continue serving seniors, historically marginalized individuals, and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Direct relief and direct financial assistance services will include: food access, case management, behavioral health services, virtual art, education, and special programming.

### **Strategic Outcome(s):**

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Economic Opportunity and Affordability.