



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 20-2216, **Agenda Item #:** 91.

5/21/2020

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Financial Literacy Coalition of Central Texas to provide direct financial assistance and direct relief services to Austin/Travis County residents impacted by COVID-19 in an amount not to exceed \$202,300 for the term May 26, 2020 through September 30, 2020.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$202,300 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. 20200409-81 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 negotiation and execution of an agreement with Financial Literacy Coalition of Central Texas (FLCCT) to provide direct financial assistance and direct relief services to Austin/Travis County residents impacted by COVID-19. The term for this agreement is May 26, 2020 through September 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$202,300, for a total contract amount of \$202,300, 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.

FLCCT will provide direct relief services and direct financial assistance to continue serving people of color, the LGBTQI+ community, immigrant communities, seniors, and historically marginalized individuals. Direct relief and direct financial assistance services will include: financial coaching and consumer protection.

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

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.