



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2557, **Agenda Item #:** 49.

7/29/2020

Posting Language

Approve ratification of an agreement with Caritas of Austin for the ImpACT Program to provide permanent supportive housing to individuals who have experienced chronic homelessness and are the highest utilizers of crisis services in an amount not to exceed \$110,079 for the term July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$110,079 is included in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Austin Public Health Department's Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

September 11, 2019 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20190911-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget, which included \$110,079 in one-time funding for the ImpACT Program, on a 10-1 vote with Council Member Flannigan voting no.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will authorize the ratification of an agreement with Caritas of Austin for the ImpACT Program to provide permanent supportive housing (PSH) to individuals who have experienced chronic homelessness and are the highest utilizers of crisis services. The term for this agreement is July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$110,079.

The purpose of the ImpACT Program is to test the program design and initial operations of the Pay for Success PSH program that aims to house and support individuals experiencing homelessness and severe mental health issues who are frequent users of the criminal justice and emergency healthcare system in Austin/Travis County. The target population, support services delivery model, and program evaluation will be defined in conjunction with plans for the larger initiative. Support services will follow a modified model of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (also known as SAMHSA's) Assertive Community Treatment model.

Caritas will provide 24 clients with a variety of services as required by each client, in Caritas's discretion, designed to help clients (i) address barriers to housing stability, (ii) manage mental illness and other disabling conditions, (iii) reduce interaction with the criminal justice system and number of jail days, and (iv) improve health outcomes.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.