



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 20-2609, **Agenda Item #:** 109.

7/29/2020

### **Posting Language**

Authorize the ratification of an agreement with Family Independence Initiative to provide direct financial assistance to Austin/Travis County residents impacted by COVID-19 in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the term July 15, 2020 through August 31, 2020.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$12,000,000 is included in the COVID-19 Spending Framework (Resolution No. 20200604-040) as part of the Economic Support for Financial and Other Direct Support.

### **Prior Council Action:**

June 4, 2020 - Council approved Resolution No. 20200604-040 adopting the COVID-19 proposed spending framework for the use of all available federal and local funding that maximizes the benefit of federal COVID-19 relief funding and local funding, with an 11-0 vote on the virtual dais.

April 9, 2020 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20200409-87 amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 General Fund Emergency Reserve Fund (Ordinance 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, with an 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 Family Independence Initiative (FII), Inc. to provide direct financial assistance to Austin/Travis County residents impacted by COVID-19. The term for this agreement is July 13, 2020 through August 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

On June 4, 2020 Council approved Resolution No. 20200604-040 to adopt the COVID-19 proposed spending framework for the use of all available federal and local funding that maximizes the benefit of federal COVID-19 relief funding and local funding, with an 11-0 vote on the virtual dais. Funding in the amount of \$12,000,000 is included in this framework as part of the Economic Support for Financial and Other Direct Support.

On April 9, 2020, City Council approved Ordinance No. 20200409-87 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.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.