



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2914, **Agenda Item #:** 141.

8/27/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 7 to the agreement with Foundation Communities, Inc. for the provision of permanent supportive housing assertive community treatment services for permanent supportive housing residents, adding two 12-month extension options beginning October 1, 2020 each in an amount not to exceed \$322,000, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$2,576,000.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Austin Public Health Department's Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

June 28, 2018 - Council approved Amendment No. 4, adding two twelve-month extension options and \$322,000 per extension option, in an amount not to exceed \$1,932,000, on an 11-0 vote.

December 14, 2017 - Council approved Amendment No. 3, adding one nine-month extension option and funding in an amount not to exceed \$241,500, on an 11-0 vote.

March 2, 2017 - Council approved Amendment No. 2, adding one eight-month extension option and funding in an amount not to exceed \$241,500, on an 11-0 vote.

November 20, 2014 - Council approved a 30-month agreement with Foundation Communities beginning November 1, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$805,000, on a 7-0 vote.

October 2, 2014 - City Council passed Resolution No. 20141002-043 directing the City Manager to set a community target of 400 permanent supportive housing (PSH) units, with a minimum of 200 dedicated to 'Housing First' PSH, to be delivered through coordinated, community-wide efforts within four years, and to adopt updates recommended in the August 2014 PSH Evaluation Report to the PSH strategy, on a 7-0 vote.

August 2, 2012 - Council approved Resolution No. 20120802-029 supporting participation in the Federal 1115 Medicaid Waiver Program, on a 7-0 vote.

March 25, 2010 - Council passed Resolution No. 20100325-053 directing the City Manager to give priority to funding for PSH for vulnerable populations with annual incomes at or below 30 percent median family income, and to develop a comprehensive strategy for the construction and operation of 350 PSH units over the next four years.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 7 to the agreement with Foundation Communities, Inc. for the continued provision of permanent supportive housing (PSH) services for individuals with complex medical and behavioral health conditions who have been chronically homeless.

Amendment No. 6 exercised extension option #4 and modified exhibits.

Amendment No. 5 was a no-cost administrative amendment to modify program exhibits.

Amendment No. 4 exercised extension option #3 and added funding with two twelve-month extension options at \$322,000 per extension option, in an amount not to exceed \$1,932,000.

Amendment No. 3 exercised extension option #2.

Amendment No. 2 exercised an eight-month extension option #1 beginning May 1, 2017, in alignment with the Medicaid 1115 Waiver extension.

Amendment No. 1 was a no-cost administrative amendment to modify program exhibits.

Council approved the original 30-month agreement for \$805,000 beginning November 1, 2014, following a competitive solicitation process. In May 2016, the Health and Human Services Commission announced a 15-month extension of all Medicaid 1115 Waiver projects beyond the original end date of September 30, 2016. This Medicaid 1115 Waiver project supports the City's existing PSH strategy by providing assertive community treatment (ACT) services to individuals who have experienced chronic homelessness and co-occurring psychiatric, substance abuse, and/or chronic medical conditions. The goal of the ACT program is to assist participants in achieving housing stability, avoiding the need for public emergency assistance and hospital inpatient readmissions, averting involvement in the criminal justice system, promoting wellness and medication adherence, and providing treatment, recovery and support services.

The Health and Human Services Commission approved City of Austin Medicaid 1115 Waiver projects in two waves. In October 2013, Austin Public Health submitted an application for a three-year Medicaid 1115 Waiver expansion project serving PSH clients with Central Health. In October 2012, Austin Public Health submitted an application to the Travis County Healthcare District, dba Central Health, for a four-year Medicaid 1115 Waiver project that serves PSH clients, as part of the Region 7 Medicaid Waiver Application.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.