



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3185, Agenda Item #: 105.

9/17/2020

**Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 6 to the agreement with Austin Child Guidance Center for programs that address underserved family mental health, to add one 12-month renewal option in an amount not to exceed \$198,725, for a new total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,377,022.

**Lead Department**

Austin Public Health

**Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$198,725 is included in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Austin Public Health Department's Operating Budget.

**Prior Council Action:**

November 20, 2014 - Council approved execution of a 37-month agreement with Austin Child Guidance Center, with three 12-month extension options for a total agreement amount not to exceed for services to children and families residing in Austin/Travis County by providing mental health services to low-income populations, on a 6-0 vote with Council Member Tovo recusing herself from contracts associated with Theater Action Project/Creative Action.

**For More Information:**

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**Additional Backup Information:**

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 6 to the agreement Austin Child Guidance Center, for programs that enhance the access of quality family mental health services to add a 12-month renewal option in an amount not to exceed \$198,725, for a new total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,377,022.

Amendment No. 5 exercised the second extension option in the amount of \$198,725 for a 12-month term beginning on October 1, 2019.

Amendment No. 4 exercised the first extension option in the amount of \$198,725 for a 12-month term beginning on October 1, 2018.

Amendment No. 3 added \$4,847 to the 37-month base agreement due a 2.3% annual cost of living increase for social services agreements approved by Council for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Amendment No. 2 amended the contract exhibits and added \$8,718 due to a new budget policy where Council approved additional funding for social service contracts.

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Amendment No. 1 added \$32,181 to the 37-month base agreement due to a 6% annual cost of living increase for social services agreements approved by Council for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

The City entered into an agreement with ACGC in 2014 as a result of an Austin Public Health Department Health Self-Sufficiency Request for Applications (RFA) process, and services began on September 1, 2015 for an initial 37-month period ending on September 30, 2018, with three 12-month extension options. This agreement improves access and services to children and families residing in Austin/Travis County by providing mental health services to low-income populations. ACGC's Underserved Families Mental Health Program serves children and their families through case management, counseling, psychiatry, group therapy, and parenting classes.

ACGC is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization that works cooperatively with mental health service providers, local school districts, juvenile probation offices, and clinics. In 2013 ACGC developed the Trauma Informed Care Consortium of Central Texas (TICC). The TICC convenes over 35 child-serving agencies who work with children and families who have experienced trauma, to share resources and best practices, and provide training.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment.