



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 20-3093, **Agenda Item #:** 101.

9/17/2020

### **Posting Language**

Approve negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 7 to the agreement with The Salvation Army, a Georgia Corporation, to provide shelter and housing services to homeless individuals, to add one extension option beginning September 1, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$300,694 for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,626,893.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$300,694 is included from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Homeless Housing and Services Program Funds, in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

### **Prior Council Action:**

On February 20, 2020, Council authorized negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 6 with the Salvation Army for shelter operations and modifications of the Downtown Shelter and Social Services Center, increasing grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$108,000 for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,446,912, on a vote of 10-0.

On December 11, 2014, Council authorized negotiation and execution of an agreement with the Salvation Army to fund the Safe Sleep program for women and families for a nine-month term beginning on December 1, 2014 and ending August 31, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$223,152 in grant funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Homeless Housing and Services Program, with five 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$223,152 per renewal option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,338,922, on a vote of 7-0.

### **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. 7 to the agreement with The Salvation Army, a Georgia Corporation, to provide shelter and housing services to homeless individuals, to add one extension option beginning September 1, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$300,694 for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,626,893.

Amendment No. 6 added \$108,000 to the agreement for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,446,912.

Amendment No. 5 exercised the fifth extension option in the amount of \$223,152 beginning September 1, 2019.

Amendment No. 4 exercised the fourth extension option in the amount of \$223,152 beginning September 1,

2018.

Amendment No. 3 exercised the third extension option in the amount of \$182,773 beginning September 1, 2017.

Amendment No. 2 exercised the second extension option in the amount of \$142,818 beginning September 1, 2017.

Amendment No. 1 exercised the first extension option in the amount of \$223,152 beginning September 1, 2015.

The current social services agreement with The Salvation Army is funded through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) Funds and was originally approved by Council for a nine-month term through August 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$276,314, with five 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$223,152 per renewal option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,338,922. The program provides case management and financial assistance for homeless individuals who are residing on the streets and at the Salvation Army Downtown Service Center. The contract also provides funds for operational costs for the Salvation Army shelters.

The general fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.

In 2012, The Salvation Army began housing additional homeless single women at the downtown shelter to provide a safe and secure place to sleep in a program called Safe Sleep. This contract uses HHSP grant funding to support the Safe Sleep program, case management staff, financial assistance for obtaining housing, and operational costs for the downtown shelter.

The HHSP grant was initially authorized by the Texas Legislature in the 81st Legislative Session. It was the first program that authorized state funding for homeless services and homelessness prevention. The appropriation is divided among the eight largest cities in Texas according to population. TDHCA was assigned to administer the HHSP grant and contracts with Austin Public Health for the funding.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.