



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3463, **Agenda Item #:** 42.

10/29/2020

Posting Language

Approve a resolution to authorize acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$630,992 from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the Homeless Housing and Services Program and the Homeless Housing and Services Program Youth Set-Aside.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$630,992 is available from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Prior Council Action:

On September 11, 2019, Council approved Ordinance No. 20190911-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget, which authorized \$705,000 in grant appropriation for the Homeless Housing and Services Program Grant on a 10-1 vote with Council Member Flannigan voting no.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will provide the resolution required by Section 7.22(d) of Title 10 of the Texas Administrative Code to be approved by the receiving entity's governing body (1) authorizing execution of the contract for the Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) funds; (2) identifying the title of the person authorized to represent the entity and possesses signature authority to execute the contract; and (3) dated not more than twelve months from the date of contract execution.

On July 7, 2020, the City received notification of the 2020 allocation of funding for Austin in the following grants: 1) HHSP in the amount of \$477,031 and 2) HHSP Youth Set-Aside in the amount of \$153,961, for a total allocation of \$630,992 for the program period September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021.

Austin Public Health will allocate HHSP funding to continue emergency shelter services, case management, and housing assistance for single adults and families at the Salvation Army Social Service Center Emergency Shelter downtown, and support the federal Emergency Solutions Grant program with financial assistance, case management, and shelter operations at the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (also known as the ARCH). Performance measures will be negotiated during contract development with these agencies.

HHSP was 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 General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.

All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure that

the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.