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## **RESOLUTION NO.**

2	WHEREAS, in May of 2019, the Downtown Austin Alliance convened providers
3	to identify gaps and redundancies in our community's behavioral health response and
4	continuum of care system; and
5	WHEREAS, the key priorities that emerged from this process included increasing
6	capacity to lower wait times for behavioral health services, developing the ability to
7	transport clients to the appropriate resource, providing shelter for individuals waiting for
8	housing, and increasing diversion from the legal system; and
9	WHEREAS, according to Integral Care, our community's lead behavioral health
10	authority, more than 65% of individuals experiencing homelessness reported to Integral
11	Care that they experience co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders; and
12	WHEREAS, Integral Care and the Downtown Austin Alliance have crafted a
13	proposal to expand outreach and assistance for individuals experiencing homelessness
14	who are in need of behavioral health resources; and
15	WHEREAS, in the proposal from Integral Care and the Downtown Austin
16	Alliance, individuals identified by the Homelessness Outreach Street Team (HOST) and
17	the Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) would be referred to a Specialty
18	Intensive Integrated Management Treatment Team managed by Integral Care and based
19	out of the Terrace at Oak Springs Clinic; and
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20	WHEREAS, the Terrace at Oak Springs Clinic specializes in providing care to
21	individuals experiencing homelessness who also experience chronic health conditions,
22	substance use, or behavioral health issues; and
23	WHEREAS, the Specialty Intensive Integrated Management Treatment Team
24	would include five dedicated full-time employees to provide intensive case management
25	and housing navigation and one clinical psychiatrist to provide services to individuals
26	referred to the facility by HOST and DACC; and
27	WHEREAS, Integral Care estimates that the proposed Specialty Intensive
28	Integrated Management Treatment Team could treat between 150 and 175 individuals
29	annually; and
30	WHEREAS, as the draft budget in Exhibit A indicates, the proposal requires a
31	financial commitment of a little more than \$500,000 each fiscal year; and
32	WHEREAS, the Downtown Austin Alliance will commit \$170,000 in one-time
33	funding to this proposal for the first year, with the possibility of a recurring contribution
34	if needed; and
35	WHEREAS, our current homelessness response system cannot meet the demand
36	for behavioral health treatment by those experiencing homelessness, and additional
37	funding is warranted; and

38	WHEREAS, a partnership such as the Specialty Intensive Integrated Management
39	Treatment Team will leverage city funds to provide critical resources to our unhoused
40	neighbors; NOW, THEREFORE,
41	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:
42	The City Manager is directed to support the proposed collaboration between the
43	DACC, HOST, and Integral Care and to identify any unencumbered funds that could help
44	fund the Specialty Intensive Integrated Management Treatment Team.
45	The City Manager is directed to provide an update regarding available funding to
46	Council no later than December 8, 2020, and, if funding is found, return with the
47	appropriate items to authorize this funding by December 10, 2020.
48	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:
49	The City Manager is directed to identify potential partners and available resources
50	to expand this program to individuals experiencing homelessness in areas of the city
51	outside the Downtown area. The City Manager is directed to provide this information to
52	Council no later than January 5, 2021.
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56 57	ADOPTED:, 2020 ATTEST: Jannette S. Goodall
58 59	City clerk
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