



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3733, **Agenda Item #:** 26.

12/10/2020

Posting Language

Ratify a contract with Health Alliance for Austin Musicians for a total of \$500,000 for services inclusive of their Healthcare Access Program providing resources and healthcare insurance access to Austin musicians, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lead Department

Economic Development.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

[Resolution No. 20200604-040 <https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.austintexas.gov%2Fdepartment%2Fcity-council%2F2020%2F20200604-reg.htm%23040&data=04%7C01%7CJoAnn.Fabian%40austintexas.gov%7C825d7da9309942c2b50b08d8909c64a4%7C5c5e19f6a6ab4b45b1d0be4608a9a67f%7C0%7C0%7C637418348657236447%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoIMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=vzG6FwoV32d5yljk02teL8b4h9BAAzmdS9h6u%2FBmz3Y%3D&reserved=0>](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.austintexas.gov%2Fdepartment%2Fcity-council%2F2020%2F20200604-reg.htm%23040&data=04%7C01%7CJoAnn.Fabian%40austintexas.gov%7C825d7da9309942c2b50b08d8909c64a4%7C5c5e19f6a6ab4b45b1d0be4608a9a67f%7C0%7C0%7C637418348657236447%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoIMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=vzG6FwoV32d5yljk02teL8b4h9BAAzmdS9h6u%2FBmz3Y%3D&reserved=0) - Council adopted the COVID-19 Spending Framework that allocated \$1.5 million to expand access to counseling services for workers with COVID-19 related mental health challenges (Employee Medical Assistance Program). The funds are targeted to low- and moderate-income employees in customer-facing industries (e.g., food service, retail, and personal services).

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Additional Backup Information:

HAAM's mission is to provide access to affordable healthcare to Austin's low-income, underinsured working musicians, with a focus on prevention and wellness. The funding provided to HAAM will enable insurance plan enrollment and monthly premium payments covering March 1, 2020 to December 30, 2020. Additional services include:

- expert assessment, guidance, and resource navigation and deployment for healthcare access, funding, and troubleshooting,
- mental health and wellness resources and services,
- COVID-19 prevention, testing, and treatment,
- basic needs,
- housing,
- food and nutrition,
- legal, financial, and tax assistance,
- family and child and eldercare services,
- job and unemployment services,

- city, county, and federal stimulus grants and programs,
- insurance literacy (development, deployment, coaching),
- and reporting.

There is no administration fee for this contract.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.