



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3740, **Agenda Item #:** 41.

12/10/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 5 to an agreement with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc. for tenant advocacy services to add a 12-month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$460,000, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$2,570,000.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$460,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Austin Public Health Department's Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

January 23, 2020 - Council authorized the execution of Amendment No. 4 to an agreement with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc. for tenant advocacy services to increase funding in an amount not to exceed \$140,000 for the remaining 12-month extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$2,110,000 on a 10-0 vote with Mayor Adler absent.

December 13, 2018 - Council authorized the execution of Amendment No. 3 to an agreement with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc. for tenant resident advocacy services to increase funding in an amount not to exceed \$110,000 for each remaining 12-month extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,970,000 on a 7-1 vote with Council Member Troxclair voting nay; Mayor Adler and Council Member Flannigan off the dais; and Council Member Renteria absent.

December 17, 2015 - Council authorized the execution of a contract with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc. to provide education and outreach regarding tenants-rights under the City Code, for a 12-month term from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$350,000, with four 12-month renewal options, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,750,000 on an 8-2 vote with Council Members Troxclair and Zimmerman voting nay, and Council Member Gallo abstaining.

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. 5 with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc. for tenant advocacy services to add a 12-month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$460,000, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$2,570,000.

Amendment No. 4 added \$140,000 and exercised the fourth 12-month extension option beginning January 1, 2020.

Amendment No. 3 added 110,000 and exercised the third 12-month extension option beginning January 1, 2019.

Amendment No. 2 exercised the second 12-month extension option beginning January 1, 2018.

Amendment No. 1 exercised the first 12-month extension option beginning January 1, 2017.

The current social services agreement with Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid was awarded for a 12-month term from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$350,000, with four 12-month renewal options, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,750,000.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.