



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 20-3743, **Agenda Item #:** 42.

12/10/2020

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Caritas of Austin to provide rapid rehousing services to individuals experiencing homelessness that are residing in protective lodges and/or at high risk for contracting COVID-19, for a 21-month term in an amount not to exceed \$7,500,000.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$7,500,000 is available from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Emergency Solutions Grant.

### **Prior Council Action:**

July 29, 2020 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20200729-052 to accept and appropriate grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Emergency Solutions Grant to serve homeless individuals and those at risk of homelessness who have been economically impacted by COVID-19, on a 10-0 vote with Mayor Adler off the dais.

April 23, 2020 - Council approved Ordinance 04232020-070 to accept and appropriate grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Emergency Solutions Grant to serve homeless individuals and those at risk of homelessness who have been economically impacted by COVID-19, on an 11-0 vote.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (also known as HUD) notified the City of an initial CARES Act award of \$2,354,866 on April 8, 2020 and later notified the City of an additional CARES Act award of \$10,859,249 on June 9, 2020, all to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) among individuals and families experiencing homelessness or receiving homeless assistance; and to support additional homeless assistance and homelessness prevention activities to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19.

This action will authorize the negotiation and execution of an agreement with Caritas of Austin to provide rapid rehousing services to individuals who are experiencing homelessness and residing in protective lodges and/or are at high risk of contracting COVID-19.

### **Strategic Outcome(s):**

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.