



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 21-1370, Agenda Item #: 48.**

**3/25/2021**

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of amendments to contracts for the provision of HIV-related medical and support services for the Ryan White Part A Program to increase funding for a 12-month term beginning March 1, 2021 with the following subrecipient-providers: AIDS Services of Austin, Inc., dba as ViventHealth in an amount not to exceed \$2,014,824, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$8,615,746; Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center dba Integral Care in an amount not to exceed \$425,168, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,960,963; Community Action Inc. of Central Texas in an amount not to exceed \$48,466, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$272,213; Central Texas Community Health Centers in an amount not to exceed \$2,160,050, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$9,277,175; Project Transitions Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$172,790, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$772,709; Waterloo Counseling Center merging with Texas Health Action, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$66,664, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$297,979; and Wright House Wellness Center in an amount not to exceed \$353,346, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,626,650.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$5,997,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund. The Ryan White Part A grant contract period is March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022 for a total contract amount of at least \$4,950,000.

### **Prior Council Action:**

February 16, 2017 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of contracts with these same seven local HIV service-provider-agencies for the Ryan White Part A grant program beginning March 1, 2017, on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Troxclair abstaining.

February 15, 2018 - Council authorized an amendment to the Ryan White Part A contract with AIDS Services of Austin, Inc., on a 9-0 vote with Council Member Troxclair abstaining and Council Member Casar off the dais.

February 20, 2020 - Council authorized amendments to contracts for the provision of HIV-related medical and support services for the Ryan White Part A Program on a 10-0 vote with Mayor Pro Tem Garza was off the dais.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

July 28, 2020 - The Austin HIV Planning Council approved Part A budget allocations by service-type. The allocations are used to determine individual allocations for subrecipients when a Notice of Award is received

from the Grantor.

**Additional Backup Information:**

The purpose of Part A of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 is to provide support to clients affected by HIV/AIDS residing in the five-county Austin Transitional Grant Area (TGA) that includes Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson counties. The Ryan White Part A grant provides financial assistance to communities most severely affected by the HIV epidemic. The five-county Austin TGA is considered one of the area's most severely impacted and thus receives funding under Part A.

The program goal is to ensure access to primary medical care, medications, and critical support services necessary to maintain individuals in the system of HIV-care. These services are provided through a subrecipient arrangement with local HIV service organizations and community-based organizations.

This request for authorization is time-sensitive in order to ensure that contracts can be executed to continue services to people with HIV for the 2021-2022 grant terms that begin March 1 of each respective year. Proposed subrecipient contract maximums include increases from the Fiscal Year 2020 "base" that are recommended in order to 1) adjust contracts to actual Federal awards as they are received; 2) adjust contracts based on adopted service allocations and reallocations by the HIV Planning Council and late-term rapid reallocations; 3) provide the ability to execute contracts within 45 days of Federal Notice of Award as required by grant terms and conditions; and 4) avoid repeated requests to Council in 2021-2022 for contract amendments based on potentially late Notices of Awards or the need to shift funds from one service or community partner to another in a timely manner as required by the grant.

The City's obligation is strictly limited to funding awarded by the Federal government and appropriately channeled to medical and support services according to grant legislation and regulation, and HIV Planning Council priorities.

Subrecipient	Part A Services Provided in Fiscal Year 2020	Total Contract Authorization as of 2/28/2021	Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Contract Authorization	Proposed Total Contract Authorization
AIDS Services of Austin, Inc. dba ViventHealth	Early Intervention, Food Bank, Health Insurance Premium & Cost Sharing, Medical Case Management, Medical Nutrition Therapy, Non-Medical Case Management, Oral Health	\$6,600,922	\$2,014,824	\$8,615,746
Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental	Mental Health, Substance Abuse (Outpatient),	\$1,535,795	\$425,168	\$1,960,963

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Retardation Center dba Integral Care	Substance Abuse (Inpatient)			
Community Action Inc. of Central Texas	Non-Medical Case Management	\$223,747	\$48,466	\$272,213

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment; Economic Opportunity and Affordability