



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 21-1389, **Agenda Item #:** 50.

3/25/2021

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 5 to the agreement with Catholic Charities of Central Texas for Immigration Legal Services and Counseling to expand legal and counseling services for immigrants, to increase funding in an amount not to exceed \$105,000 to the term April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 and add two 12-month extension options each in an amount not to exceed \$209,858, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,346,448.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$209,858 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### **Prior Council Action:**

February 2, 2017 - City Council approved Amendment No. 1 to the same agreement to exercise the first 12-month renewal option and increase funding in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the period April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$800,000, on a 10-1 vote with Council Member Troxclair voting nay.

March 31, 2016 - City Council approved the initial agreement on an 8-2 vote with Council Members Troxclair and Zimmerman voting nay, and Mayor Adler absent.

### **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 to the agreement with Catholic Charities of Central Texas (CCCTX) for Immigration Legal Services and Counseling to expand legal and counseling services for immigrants to increase funding in an amount not to exceed \$105,000 to the term April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 and add two 12-month extension options each in an amount not to exceed \$209,858 , for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,346,448.

Amendment No. 4 exercised the fourth 12-month extension option.

Amendment No. 3 exercised the third 12-month extension option.

Amendment No. 2 exercised the second 12-month extension option and added 2.6% to this term and future extension options.

Amendment No. 1 exercised the first 12-month extension option and added \$200,000 for legal and counseling services to immigrants for the period April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018, for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$800,000.

The original agreement was awarded to Catholic Charities of Central Texas (CCCTX) as a result of a solicitation in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for health equity services effective April 1, 2016 in the amount of \$100,000 for a 12-month term with five renewal options each in the amount of \$100,000, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$600,000. The program provides education through "Immigration 101" sessions at libraries and churches in the community, assistance in obtaining legal authorization to work in the United States and securing immigration status, and counseling services to immigrants previously involved in a traumatic experience.

On December 16, 2016, Council approved Resolution 20161215-066 directing the City Manager to work with City departments to identify emergency funding for immigrant legal services and outreach efforts with a goal of assisting 100 additional Austinites per month than are currently served, and to strongly consider expansion of existing contracts that could best perform these services as soon as possible.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.