



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1391, **Agenda Item #:** 52.

3/25/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Sickle Cell Texas Marc Thomas Foundation to provide education on sickle cell disease, supportive services, and treatment options, in an amount not to exceed \$573,517 for the term of April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022, with three 12-month renewal options each in an amount not to exceed \$573,517, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$2,294,068.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$573,517 is included 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.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute an agreement with Sickle Cell Texas Marc Thomas Foundation. The program provides education on sickle cell disease and/or trait, treatment options for those with the disease and/or trait, case management, mental health services, navigation and referrals to other providers, and resources to stabilize the health and wellbeing of the individuals with sickle cell disease and/or trait and the family as a whole. The program also increases awareness, knowledge and engagement of the community regarding sickle cell. The population of focus is individuals with sickle cell disease or trait and their families, with a secondary goal of raising awareness of the disease to the general community.

The City of Austin currently has three separate agreements with Sickle Cell Texas Marc Thomas Foundation to provide similar services. Two of those agreements were awarded through solicitations. Approval of this item would combine the three agreements into one new agreement to eliminate duplicate reporting requirements and related administrative burdens.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.