



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1423, **Agenda Item #:** 59.

3/25/2021

Posting Language

Authorize an amendment to an existing contract with Austin Community Foundation, for continued Urban Forest Grant Management Services, for an increase in the amount of \$3,400,000, and a revised contract amount not to exceed \$6,000,000.

(Note: This contract was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for this contract, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.)

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Development Services Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$1,300,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Urban Grant Fund Budget of the Development Services Department. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language

Contract Amendment.

Prior Council Action

November 14, 2019 - Council approved the original contract, item 38, on an 11-0 vote.

For More Information

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Additional Backup Information

The current contract provides grant administration services on behalf of the City for the Urban Forest Grant (UFG). Austin Community Foundation receives funds from the City and awards grants to applicants in consultation with the City. The proposed amendment will increase the amount of funds transferred annually. The increased funding will support tree-related projects on Austin Independent School District (AISD) campuses. By partnering with AISD, the City will support Imagine Austin, Austin's Urban Forest Plan, and Strategic Direction 2023 goals, including increasing nature in the city, leveraging partnerships, and sustainable tree canopy.

Council approved the Tree and Natural Area Protection Ordinance in 1983 with the focus on minimizing impacts to existing trees during development planning and construction. The UFG was created in 2008 as a

mechanism to make tree mitigation resources available to fund community forestry initiatives and to promote conservation and improvement projects that benefit Austin’s urban forest. At that time, the City began contracting services to disseminate UFG funding. This program is supported by the Urban Forest Replenishment Fund, which was created to mitigate the impact of tree removals. The UFG enhances the urban forest through projects associated with tree planting, education, public service announcements, award programs, disease control, inventory control and other related efforts.

Contract Detail:

<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>	<u>Current Contract Authorization</u>	<u>Requested Additional Authorization</u>	<u>Revised Total Authorization</u>
Initial Term	1 yr.	\$ 500,000		\$ 500,000
Extension Option 1	1 yr.	\$ 450,000		\$ 450,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 450,000		\$ 450,000
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$ 450,000		\$ 450,000
Optional Extension 4	1 yr.	\$ 450,000		\$ 450,000
Proposed Amendment			\$3,400,000	\$3,400,000
TOTALS	5 yrs.	\$2,600,000	\$3,400,000	\$6,000,000

Note: Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City’s estimated annual usage.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment; Government That Works for All.