



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1734, **Agenda Item #:** 14.

5/6/2021

Posting Language

Approve negotiation and execution of an agreement with Caritas of Austin for the ImpACT Program to provide permanent supportive housing to individuals who have experienced chronic homelessness and are the highest utilizers of crisis services, in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 for the term May 6, 2021 to September 30, 2023, with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 and \$660,000 respectively, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,860,000.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$600,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Austin Public Health Department's Operating Budget. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will authorize the ratification of an agreement with Caritas of Austin for the ImpACT Program to provide permanent supportive housing (PSH) to individuals who have experienced chronic homelessness and are the highest utilizers of crisis services.

The purpose of the ImpACT Program is to test the program design and initial operations of the Pay for Success PSH program that aims to house and support individuals experiencing homelessness and severe mental health issues who are frequent users of the criminal justice and emergency healthcare system in Austin/Travis County. The target population, support services delivery model, and program evaluation will be defined in conjunction with plans for the larger initiative. Support services will follow a modified model of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (also known as SAMHSA's) Assertive Community Treatment model.

Caritas will provide clients with services to help clients (i) address barriers to housing stability, (ii) manage mental illness and other disabling conditions, (iii) reduce interaction with the criminal justice system and number of jail days, and (iv) improve health outcomes.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.