



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 21-1848, Agenda Item #: 17.**

**5/6/2021**

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 4 to an agreement with Family Eldercare, Inc. to expand rapid rehousing services to individuals experiencing homelessness for a 16-month term ending September 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$2,290,806.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$1,400,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

### **Prior Council Action:**

January 23, 2020 - Council authorized Amendment No. 2 with Family Eldercare, Inc. to expand rapid rehousing case management services in an amount not to exceed \$102,056, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$890,806, on a 10-0 vote with Mayor Adler absent.

June 28, 2018 - Council authorized execution of an agreement with Family Eldercare to provide rapid rehousing services for an initial 15-month term in an amount not to exceed \$157,750, with up to four 12-month extension options, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$788,750, on an 11-0 vote.

### **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. 4 to an agreement with Family Eldercare to provide rapid rehousing services to individuals experiencing homelessness.

On April 20, 2018, Austin Public Health issued a Request for Applications (also known as an RFA) with a deadline of May 18, 2018 and received four applications. The objective of this competitive solicitation was to establish one or more agreements with qualified nonprofits or government entities for the provision of rapid rehousing services for individuals and/or families experiencing homelessness. Applicants were required to have successful experience providing services to homeless individuals and/or families, administering financial assistance for housing related expenses, finding housing for individuals/families with high housing barriers, and coordinating with outreach programs. Family Eldercare was one of the highest scoring applicants and was awarded funding to provide rapid re-housing services.

The original contract had an initial 15-month term in an amount not to exceed \$157,750, with up to four 12-

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month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$157,750 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$788,750. Amendment No. 1 exercised the first of four authorized extension options, adding \$157,750 for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2019. Amendment No. 2 added \$102,056 for the 12-month term through September 30, 2019. Amendment No. 3 exercised the second extension option, adding \$157,570 for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2020.

On August 4, 2020, the Homelessness Working Group provided recommendations to City Council that included investing in homelessness for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for \$6.5 million in Permanent Supportive Housing services, and/or other services, such as rapid re-housing, required by the Homelessness Investment and Expansion Plan. The funding for the Family Eldercare agreement is a part of the recommendation regarding rapid rehousing.

On February 4, 2021, City Council approved Resolution No. 20210204-049, directing the City Manager to develop and implement the Housing-Focused Homeless Encampment Assistance Link (HEAL) initiative to connect individuals experiencing homelessness to housing and services in identified areas. Amendment No. 4 will be part of the implementation of the HEAL initiative in the community.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.