



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2348, **Agenda Item #:** 62.

7/29/2021

Posting Language

Authorize the negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 9 to the agreement with the Asian American Resource Center for the Community Health Navigator program to add funding in an amount not to exceed \$175,000 to the current term and the one remaining 12-month extension option, and add one 12-month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$587,305, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$3,341,605.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$175,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget. Funding for the remaining terms is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Prior Council Action:

September 17, 2020 - Council approved Amendment No. 8 to the agreement with the Asian American Resource Center, Inc., dba Asian American Community Health Initiative, adding two 12-month renewal options each in an amount not to exceed \$412,305, for a new total agreement amount not to exceed \$2,404,300, on an 11-0 vote.

November 29, 2018 - Council approved execution of Amendment No. 5 to the agreement with Asian American Resource Center, Inc. for health navigation services to increase funding in an amount not to exceed \$257,000 for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,578,775, on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Troxclair absent.

August 9, 2018 - Council approved execution of Amendment No. 4 to the agreement with Asian American Resource Center, Inc., adding three 12-month extension options beginning October 1, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$155,000 per extension option for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$807,775, on a 10-1 vote with Council Member Troxclair voting nay.

December 14, 2017 - Council approved execution of Amendment No. 3 to the agreement with Asian American Resource Center, Inc., adding one nine-month extension option beginning January 1, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$125,000, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$342,775, on an 11-0 vote.

December 15, 2016 - Council approved Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Asian American Resource Center, Inc., adding one twelve-month extension option for the term beginning January 1, 2017 in the amount of \$137,775, on a 9-0 vote with Council Members Troxclair and Zimmerman abstaining.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

June 20, 2017 - The Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission passed Recommendation 20170620 -3B recommending Council approve \$316,328 for community health navigator services and \$65,000 for Asian American Resource Center nonprofit funding in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget.

Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 9 to the agreement with Asian American Resource Center dba Asian American Community Health Initiative, for the Community Health Navigator program, to add funding in an amount of \$175,000 for the current term and the remaining two 12-month renewal options. The 12-month renewal option beginning October 1, 2021 and the subsequent 12-month renewal option will each be in an amount not to exceed \$587,305, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$2,929,300. A portion of the proposed funding increase in the amount of \$107,305 comes from a transfer of funds to Austin Public Health from the Parks and Recreation Department after they closed out a position at the Asian American Resource Center, supported by recommendations from the Asian American Quality of Life Commission. The remaining portion of the funding increase in the amount of \$175,000 was approved by City Council as part of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget, also supported by recommendations from the Asian American Quality of Life Commission.

The Asian American Resource Center is a Texas nonprofit corporation committed to improving the quality of life of Asian Americans in Austin through research, programming, and services. The goal of the health navigator program is to provide community health system navigation services for members of linguistically isolated Asian American (AA) immigrant groups. These services will promote self-management of health and wellness through the clinical community links that enable culturally and contextually relevant care. The program has served the three most linguistically-isolated communities of AA's (Vietnamese, Korean, Burmese) by providing health care system navigation services, including facilitating enrollment in the Affordable Healthcare Act, and Medicare and Medicaid. With the additional funding, the program will expand services to Arabic, primarily Syrian and Iraqi refugees from Asia, and Mandarin Chinese, including Taiwanese and Chinese.

Amendment No. 8 added a renewal option and two 12-month renewal options beginning October 1, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$412,305 for each renewal option, for a new total agreement amount not to exceed \$2,404,300.

Amendment No. 7 exercised the fourth 12-month extension option in the amount of \$412,305 for the term beginning on October 1, 2019.

Amendment No. 6 exercised a legal name change to Asian American Community Health Initiative (AACHI).

Amendment No. 5 added \$257,305 to the base agreement and modified program exhibits for a new total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,578,775.

Amendment No. 4 added three 12-month extension options beginning October 1, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$155,000 per extension option for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$807,775.

Amendment No. 3 added one nine-month extension option in the amount of \$125,000 beginning January 1, 2018 for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$342,775.

Amendment No. 2 added \$30,000 to the base agreement.

Amendment No. 1 added one 12-month extension option for the term beginning January 1, 2017 in the amount

of \$137,775.

The City entered into an agreement with Asian American Resource Center in 2016 for an initial agreement amount of \$50,000 for a 6-month term beginning July 1, 2016.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.