



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2807, **Agenda Item #:** 28.

9/2/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of amendments to contracts for the provision of HIV-related housing services under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS grant, to increase funding for a 12-month term beginning October 1, 2021, with the following providers: AIDS Services of Austin, Inc. dba Vivent Health in an amount not to exceed \$1,303,120, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$5,907,645; and Project Transitions, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$733,032, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$2,605,761. Related to Item 29.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$2,099,125 is available from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Grant for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

Prior Council Action:

October 1, 2020 - Council approved authorization and negotiation of an increase to the amount of contracts amount with AIDS Services of Austin, Inc. and Project Transitions, Inc., on an 11-0 vote.

April 23, 2020 - Council approved authorization and negotiation of an increase to contract amounts for AIDS Services of Austin, Inc. and Project Transitions, Inc., on an 11-0 vote.

October 31, 2019 - Council approved authorization and negotiation of an increase to contract amounts for AIDS Services of Austin, Inc. and Project Transitions, Inc., on a 10-0 vote with Mayor Pro Tem Garza off the dais.

August 30, 2018 - Council approved authorization and negotiation of an increase to contract amounts for AIDS Services of Austin, Inc., on a 10-0 vote with Council member Troxclair abstaining.

November 9, 2017 - Council approved authorization and negotiation of contracts for initial 12-month terms through September 20, 2018 with two twelve-month renewal options, on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Troxclair abstaining.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute amendments to contracts for the provision of HIV-related housing services under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

(HUD), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Grant, to increase funding for a 12-month term beginning October 1, 2021, with the following providers: AIDS Services of Austin, Inc. dba Vivent Health in an amount not to exceed \$1,303,120, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$5,907,645; Project Transitions, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$733,032, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$2,605,761.

HUD has awarded grant funds for HOPWA in the amount of \$2,099,125 for HIV-related housing services to be provided in the Austin Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area (EMSA). The EMSA includes Travis, Williamson, Hays, Bastrop, and Caldwell counties. Services under the HOPWA grant include short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance, as well as tenant-based rental assistance, permanent housing placement, hotel/motel vouchers, master leasing, supportive services, and HIV/AIDS housing operations.

The approved Fiscal Year 2021-2022 City of Austin Annual Action Plan includes HOPWA funding for subrecipients as follows:

<u>Sub-recipient</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Plan Allocations</u>
AIDS Services of Austin, Inc. dba Vivent Health	\$1,303,120.00
Project Transitions, Inc.	\$733,032.00
Administration	\$62,973.00

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment, Economic Opportunity and Affordability.