



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 21-2788, **Agenda Item #:** 49.

9/30/2021

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 12 to an agreement with Ending Community Homelessness Coalition, Inc. to provide Continuum of Care lead and Homeless Management Information System administrator services, to add one 12-month extension option beginning October 1, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$243,972, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,962,051.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$243,972 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

### **Prior Council Action:**

October 15, 2020 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of Amendment 11 with Ending Community Homelessness Coalition, Inc. (ECHO) to add an additional extension to the contract with ECHO for homeless planning series and coordination for 12-month term beginning October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021, with the program period running from January 01, 2021 to September 30, 2021, on an 11-0 vote.

December 11, 2014 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 1 with ECHO to increase funding for community coordination activities related to homeless service improvements through the implementation of the coordinated assessment system, in an amount not to exceed \$219,500 for the period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015, with five 12-month renewal options each in an amount not to exceed \$219,500, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,317,000, on a 7-0 vote.

August 28, 2014 Council authorized negotiation and execution of a contract with ECHO for homeless planning services and coordination, for a 12-month term beginning October 1, 2014 and ending on September 30, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$159,000, with five 12-month renewal options, each in an amount not to exceed \$159,500, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$957,000, on a vote of 6-0 vote with Mayor Leffingwell off the dais.

### **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. 12 to an agreement with Ending Community Homelessness Coalition, Inc. (ECHO) to add funding in an amount not to exceed \$243,972 for the program period October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,962,051.

Amendment No. 11 exercised the sixth extension option in the amount of \$243,972 for the period of October 1,

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2020 to September 30, 2021, for a revised total agreement not to exceed \$1,718,079.

Amendment No. 10 exercised the fifth extension option in the amount of \$243,972 for the period of October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020.

Amendment No. 9 exercised the fourth extension option in the amount of \$243,972 for the period of October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019.

Amendment No. 8 added additional funds in the amount of \$5,951.

Amendment No. 7 exercised the third extension option in the amount of \$250,542 for the period of October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018.

Amendment No. 6 added funds to the agreement in the amount of \$39,479.

Amendment No. 5 added funds to the agreement in the amount of \$5,351.

Amendment No. 4 exercised the second extension option in the amount of \$232,670 for the period of October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017.

Amendment No. 3 added additional funds to the agreement in the amount of \$13,170.

Amendment No. 2 exercised the first extension option in the amount of \$219,500 for the period of October 01, 2015 to September 30, 2016.

Amendment No. 1 added an additional \$60,000 to the initial period and to each of the five 12-month renewal options for a revised total agreement not to exceed \$1,317,000.

ECHO is dedicated to planning, prioritizing, and developing strategies to end homelessness in Austin/Travis County, Texas. The overall role of ECHO is to identify specific strategies to end homelessness and to oversee ongoing planning efforts and implementation of the Plan to End Community Homelessness.

Since 1994, the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) requires each funding application to be submitted as a part of a single community-wide or regional plan. ECHO is HUD's designated Continuum of Care (CoC) for Austin & Travis County.

As the Austin/Travis County designated CoC agency, ECHO is spearheading the planning, design and implementation of a new coordinated assessment system. Coordinated assessment is a requirement by HUD for the Continuum of Care and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding. The City's Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department and Austin Public Health Department administer ESG funding.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.