



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 21-2836, **Agenda Item #:** 59.

9/30/2021

### Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 8 to an agreement with The Salvation Army to provide emergency shelter and case management services, to add one 12-month extension option beginning October 1, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$252,628, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$2,352,587.

### Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

### Fiscal Note

One-time funding in the amount of \$252,628 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

### Prior Council Action:

January 23, 2020 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 6 to an agreement with The Salvation Army to expand shelter case management services in an amount not to exceed \$102,056, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,847,331, on a 10-0 vote with Mayor Adler was absent.

September 11, 2019 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20190911-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget, which included \$1,500,000 in one-time funding for homeless campgrounds or alternatives, on a 10-1 vote with Council Member Flannigan voting no.

August 8, 2019 - Council authorized \$500,000 in one-time funding be added to the agreement with The Salvation Army to expand homeless services to individuals at the Downtown Shelter and Social Service Center, on an 11-0 vote.

November 20, 2014 - Council authorized execution of a 37-month agreement with The Salvation Army, with three 12-month extension options, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,363,728, on a 6-0 vote with Council Member Tovo recusing herself from contracts associated with Theater Action Project/Creative Action.

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### Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 8 to an agreement with The Salvation Army, a Georgia Corporation, to expand shelter case management services, to add one 12-month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$252,628, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$2,352,587.

In October 2019, the Homeless Strategy Office, in partnership with the Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (also known as ECHO), Austin Public Health, Downtown Austin Community Court, Neighborhood

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Housing and Community Development and the Austin Police Department co-convened the homeless provider community to design a strategy to address the encampments outside of the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH). The Guided Path Pilot Project aims to both reduce the health and safety risks for those living in encampments and prevent and end homelessness through long term solutions. Expanded case management services will be coordinated with other rapid re-housing resources to engage participants, locate and facilitate housing placement options, and provide housing stability services once participants exit homelessness into housing.

Amendment No. 7 exercised the third extension option in the amount of \$252,628 for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$2,099,959.

Amendment No. 6 added \$102,056 to the agreement and modified exhibits, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,847,331.

Amendment No. 5 exercised the second extension option and added \$500,000 in one-time funding to the 12-month period ending September 30, 2020, for expanded case management services to individuals experiencing homelessness and staying at the downtown shelter, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,745,275.

Amendment No. 4 exercised the first extension option in the amount of \$252,628 for the period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$992,647.

Amendment No. 3 added \$6,162 to the 37-month base term ending September 30, 2018 due to a 2.5% annual cost of living increase for social services agreements approved by Council during the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget adoption process, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$740,019.

Amendment No. 2 added \$11,082 to the 37-month base term ending September 30, 2018 due to a 2.3% annual cost of living increase for social services agreements approved by Council during the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget adoption process, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$733,857.

Amendment No. 1 added \$40,911 to the 37-month base term ending September 30, 2018 due to a 6% annual cost of living increase for social services agreements approved by Council during the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget adoption process, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$722,775.

The original 37-month base agreement was approved by Council on November 20, 2014 with three authorized 12-month extension options, for a total agreement amount of \$1,363,728. The Salvation Army's Downtown Shelter and Social Service Center provides emergency shelter, basic needs services and housing-focused case management to women, men, and families with children.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Economic Opportunity and Affordability, Health and Environment.