



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2846, **Agenda Item #:** 68.

9/30/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 7 to an agreement with Front Steps for its Rapid Rehousing Program, to add one 12-month extension option through September 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$78,177, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$589,617.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$78,177 is included in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

December 14, 2017 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 2 to the federally funded Emergency Solutions Grant agreement with Front Steps, Inc. for the provision of homeless services for a 12-month term through September 30, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$249,091, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$549,091.

For More Information:

Adrienne Sturup, Interim Director, 512-972-5167; Laura LaFuente, Interim Assistant Director, Health Equity and Community Engagement Division, 512-972-5077; Akeshia Johnson Smothers, Community Based Resources Unit Manager, 512-972-5567; Ruth Dalrymple, Acting Agenda Coordinator, 512-972-5024.

Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute an agreement with Front Steps through use of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) federal funds for its Rapid Rehousing Program for its 5th extension option for a 12-month term through September 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$78,177, and to increase the contract maximum not to exceed limit to \$589,617.

On June 30, 2017, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) informed the City that there would be an additional \$249,091 in ESG funding available for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. The additional funds from HUD were to assist the loss of Continuum of Care capacity and is considered one-time funding with an allocation period of two years from 2017-2019. Funds will be awarded to Front Steps to increase Rapid Rehousing capacity in support of local initiatives to address homelessness in the downtown area.

The original agreement with Front Steps, Inc. for the provision of ESG Rapid Rehousing services was a 12-month term in the amount of \$50,000 for the period of October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017.

Amendment No. 1 exercised the first 12-month extension option in the amount of \$50,000 for the period of October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018.

Amendment No. 2 authorized one-time funding in the amount of \$249,091 for the period ending September 30,

2018.

Amendment No. 3 exercised the second extension option in the amount of \$16,500 for the period of October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019

Amendment No. 4 authorized additional funding to the agreement in the amount of \$12,791.

Amendment No. 5 exercised the third extension option in the amount of \$63,058 for the period of October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020.

Amendment No. 6 exercised the fourth extension option in the amount of \$70,000 for the period of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.