



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3463, **Agenda Item #:** 44.

11/18/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 1 to an agreement with Caritas of Austin to provide rapid re-housing services, to extend the term to September 30, 2022.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$6,198,548 is available from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Emergency Solutions Grant for COVID-19.

Prior Council Action:

December 10, 2020 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of an agreement with Caritas of Austin to provide rapid rehousing services to individuals experiencing homelessness that are residing in protective lodges and/or at high risk for contracting COVID-19, for a 21-month term in an amount not to exceed \$7,500,000, on an 11-0 vote.

July 29, 2020 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20200729-052 to accept and appropriate grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Emergency Solutions Grant to serve homeless individuals and those at risk of homelessness who have been economically impacted by COVID-19, on a 10-0 vote with Mayor Adler off the dais.

April 23, 2020 - Council approved Ordinance 04232020-070 to accept and appropriate grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Emergency Solutions Grant to serve homeless individuals and those at risk of homelessness who have been economically impacted by COVID-19, on an 11-0 vote.

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Additional Backup Information:

On April 8, 2020, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development notified the City of Austin of an additional CARES Act award of \$2,354,866 to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) among individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance; and to support additional homeless assistance and homelessness prevention activities to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. On June 9, 2020, the Department of Housing and Urban Development notified the City of an additional CARES Act award of \$10,859,249 for this same purpose.

This action is needed in order to comply with U.S. Housing and Urban Development's established spending deadlines and provide for additional funding for needed emergency shelter operations of a non-congregate

shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness who are at an increased risk of negative health effects of COVID-19.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity.