




MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Adrienne Sturup, Interim Austin Public Health Director 

DATE: November 22, 2021

SUBJECT: Staff Update Ordinance 20210811-01 Budget Rider 4- Annual Cost of Living

This memorandum serves as a preliminary update and extension request for the response to Budget Rider 4 from the Fiscal Year 21-22 Budget Adoption. This rider directed the City Manager to consider options for applying adjustments to existing social service contracts to reflect cost-of-living increases. The City Manager was directed to return to the Public Health Committee on October 6, 2021, with the estimated costs for such an action and other relevant information in response to this budget rider.

Austin Public Health staff has conducted an initial review of all current social services agreements to recommend which agreements would be eligible for a cost-of-living increases. Given limited capacity due to an increased number of agreements, additional new ARPA and general funds that will need to be solicited and planned issue area solicitations in progress, APH is requests a deadline extension until December 13, 2021 to complete the work we have started.

This extension will allow staff to refine the cost estimates and compile other relevant information to inform the final response to Mayor and Council.

Should you have any questions, please contact my office at (512)972-5010.

cc: Spencer Cronk, City Manager
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Stephanie Hayden-Howard, Assistant City Manager