



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2049, **Agenda Item #:** 85.

5/19/2022

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a one-year contract with Family Eldercare to fund renovations at the Candlewood Suites located at 10811 Pecan Park Blvd, Austin, Texas 78750, known as the Pecan Gardens, a hotel conversion project to create new, permanent supportive housing in the City, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,903,216.13.

Lead Department

Housing and Planning Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of the Austin Public Health Department. The source of funding is the American Rescue Plan Act.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

If approved, the Housing and Planning Department will be authorized to execute an agreement with Family Eldercare to fund renovations at the Candlewood Suites located at 10811 Pecan Park Blvd, Austin, Texas 78750. Family Eldercare will oversee the renovation of the Candlewood Suites and convert the facility into a 78-unit permanent supportive housing project. The site design and renovation will be grounded in active design strategies for aging in place and with a focus on amenities that are responsive to the needs of a chronically homeless resident population. The renovation budget includes items such as hotel rooms converted into office space for supportive services staff; lobby redesign to promote security and community gathering; and outdoor space revitalization and landscape architecture to encourage socialization and provide space for group activities or solitary enjoyment.

Following the rehabilitation of the property, Family Eldercare will operate the facility. This project will include 78 fully furnished efficiency apartments. Each apartment will contain one bed. Potential residents will be referred through our community's Coordinated Entry System. Eligible individuals will be single adults with a documented chronic homelessness history and a disabling condition. This is a permanent resident site where individuals will receive annual leases to live in the facility. To ensure that individuals have access to the right level of care to support their recovery and maintain housing, Family Eldercare will provide onsite support services, including case management, service coordination, living skills training, housing stability support, assistance accessing basic needs, and community building activities.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.