



## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 22-1990, **Agenda Item #:** 46.

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 3 to an agreement with Catholic Charities of Central Texas to provide refugee families economic self-sufficiency and housing stability, to add one 12-month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$400,000.00.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$100,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

### **Prior Council Action:**

May 23, 2019 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of an agreement with Catholic Charities of Central Texas to provide homeless prevention services to refugee families in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the 23-month period ending June 30, 2021, and \$100,000 for one 12-month extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$300,000, on a 10-0 vote.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

March 12, 2018 - Commission on Immigrant Affairs passed Recommendation No. 20180212-004B for rental assistance resources for refugees living within Austin, on an 8-0 vote with Commissioners Kobrosly, Villalobos, and Rastogi absent.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

On March 12, 2018, the City's Commission on Immigrant Affairs passed a recommendation regarding rental assistance resources for refugees. Austin is the largest refugee resettlement site in Central Texas, and many refugees need affordable housing and rental assistance. The Commission on Immigrant Affairs met with various City department officials and community agencies to discuss rental assistance resources for refugees living within Austin. Organizations participating in these discussions included, the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (also known as HACA), Caritas of Austin, Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (also known as ECHO), the Austin Public Health Department, and the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department. The Commission on Immigrant Affairs concluded there were not enough city resources available to address the needs of refugees in the community.

Amendment No. 2 exercised extension option No. 1 in the amount of \$100,000 for the period of July 1, 2021

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through June 30, 2022.

Amendment No. 1 modified the program work statement for the period of August 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.