



Recommendation for Action

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Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of contracts with 12 social service agencies listed in the Recommendation for Action to provide behavioral health services for an initial 12-month term beginning October 1, 2022, in a combined amount not to exceed \$1,790,985, with four 12-month extension options each in a combined amount not to exceed \$7,163,940, for a total combined amount not to exceed \$8,954,925 divided among the agencies.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$1,790,985 is included in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget. Funding for the remaining terms is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of the negotiation and execution of an agreement with 12 social service agencies will provide community-based behavioral health services. The Austin Public Health Department (APH) specifically sought services informed by the Community Health Improvement Plan, local community planning groups, and an optional Austin Public Health Department Behavioral Health Community Input Session held on September 14, 2021. All services sought were in support of Council's Strategic Direction 2023's Priority Outcome, Health, and Environment: Enjoying a sustainable environment and a healthy life, physically and mentally.

APH awarded agreements to social services via a solicitation process, titled Request for Applications 2021 - 007 APH Behavioral Health Issue Area, which was released on November 17, 2021 with a deadline for applications on January 20, 2022. Optional Pre-Bid Meetings took place on November 18, 2021, and December 2, 2021, and APH received 18 applications.

The Request for Applications (RFA) process is used to solicit social services for APH, was reviewed by the Purchasing Office and APH leadership, and incorporates state laws, adheres to principles of fairness and transparency, and responsibly addresses the needs of the community.

The RFA application evaluation process sets criteria to uniformly review all applicants evaluated by a separate and independent panel. A review panel comprised of individuals with education and expertise in the issue-area rated to each RFA. Evaluators agreed upon strengths and weaknesses of each application, and each applicant received a resultant score based on this process. The criteria for evaluation included the following: fiscal and administrative capacity, experience and cultural competence/racial equity; program design and performance metrics; data-informed program

management; and cost effectiveness.

APH awarded 12 applicants a contract with an initial base term of 12 months with four 12-month extension options.

Applications Funded in Response to RFA 2021 - 007 APH Behavioral Health Issue Area

Agency	Services	Initial Base Term Funding Amount	Four 12-Month Extension Option Funding Amount	Total Contract, not to exceed, Funding Amount
Foundation Communities	PSH Behavioral Health Program	\$225,000.00	\$900,000.00	\$1,125,000.00
Communities for Recovery	Recovery Coaching, Outreach and Education for Adults	\$165,828.00	\$663,312.00	\$829,140.00
Youth & Family Alliance dba Lifeworks	Resolution Counseling for Abusive and/or Violent Adults	\$113,861.00	\$455,444.00	\$569,305.00
Communities in Schools	Student's Mental and Behavioral Health	\$90,000.00	\$360,000.00	\$450,000.00
Out Youth	LGBTQ+ Individual and Family Lifespan Mental Health	\$59,244.00	\$236,976.00	\$296,220.00
Helping Hand Home for the Children	Behavioral Health Services for Children in Foster Care	\$127,307.00	\$509,228.00	\$636,535.00
Catholic Charities of Central Texas	Individual and Family Mental Health Services	\$110,500.00	\$442,000.00	\$552,500.00
Integral Care	Mental Health & Community Health Worker Care and Coordination	\$124,697.00	\$498,788.00	\$623,485.00
Austin Child Guidance Center	Children and Family Behavioral Health	\$209,044.00	\$836,176.00	\$1,045,220.00
Samaritan Center	Holistic Behavioral Health for Adults, Children and Families	\$86,250.00	\$345,000.00	\$431,250.00

Caritas	Behavioral Health Services for Individuals Experiencing or who have Experienced Homelessness	\$290,562.00	\$1,162,248.00	\$1,452,810.00
Easter Seals	Preschool for Children with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities	\$188,692.00	\$754,768.00	\$943,460.00
	TOTAL	\$1,790,985.00	7,163,940.00	\$8,954,925.00

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.