



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2404, Agenda Item #: 76.

7/28/2022

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Foundation Communities to provide permanent supportive housing services in an amount not to exceed \$900,000 for a 12-month program period with four 12-month extension options, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$4,500,000.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$900,000 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.

Prior Council Action:

January 27, 2022 - Council approved Resolution No. 20220127-AHFC011, authorizing the formation of the AHFC Balcones Terrace Non-Profit Corporation, to develop low-income housing; approving the forms of its certificate of formation and by-laws; appointing its Board of Directors and President; and authorizing AHFC Balcones Terrace Non-Profit Corporation to acquire a former hotel located at 10024 North Capital of Texas Highway, Austin, Texas from an affiliate of Foundation Communities, Inc., and then lease it back to such affiliate to provide permanent supportive housing services and further the City's plans developed in the Summit to Address Unsheltered Homelessness in Austin, on an 11-0 vote.

October 2, 2014 - Council approved Resolution No. 20141002-043 directing the City Manager to set a community target of 400 additional permanent supportive housing units to be accomplished through coordinated, community-wide efforts within four years, and to adopt updates to the permanent supportive housing strategy recommended in the August 2014 Permanent Supportive Housing Evaluation Report, on a 7-0 vote.

March 25, 2010 - Council approved Resolution No. 20100325-053 directing the City Manager to give priority to fund permanent supportive housing, and to develop a comprehensive strategy for the construction and operation of 350 permanent supportive housing units over the next four years, on a 7-0 vote.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

August 4, 2020 - the Homelessness Working Group provided recommendations to Council that included investing \$6.5 million in permanent supportive housing and related services for individuals experiencing homelessness for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 provided by the Homelessness Investment and Expansion Plan.

Additional Backup Information:

This action will authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Foundation Communities to provide permanent supportive housing support services to individuals with a disabling condition who are experiencing chronic homelessness. Services will be delivered at 10024 North Capital of Texas Highway, Austin, Texas and supports the goals of the Summit to Address Unsheltered Homelessness in Austin (Summit).

In the Spring of 2021, leaders from the City of Austin participated in the Summit, which included individuals with lived experience, social service providers, social justice advocates, local governments, local philanthropies, and issue-area experts. The Summit resulted in an ambitious three-year community-wide investment plan to:

- (a) house an additional 3,000 people
- (b) create 1,300 new affordable housing units
- (c) strengthen our Homeless Response System.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment, Economic Opportunity and Affordability.