



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2618, **Agenda Item #:** 189.

7/28/2022

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with the Austin Area Urban League to operate the Southbridge Bridge Shelter program for a thirteen and a half month term beginning August 15, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$4,218,750.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$2,500,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget, funding is contingent on the City Council approval of an ordinance adopting the City of Austin Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Funding in the amount of \$1,718,750 is included in the Fiscal year 2021-2022 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

For More Information

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Additional Backup Information

The Southbridge Shelter is located at 2711 South I-35 in South Austin. The fenced property has one building with three floors and 87 total rooms, some of which are used for office space for Southbridge staff and other on-site agencies. The property also contains a parking lot. Southbridge serves adults through the HEAL Program, who have been previously living in literal homelessness. Clients typically stay 3-6 months with the goal of clients exiting to permanent housing. There are a total of 75 available rooms for shelter guests.

This agreement was awarded via an emergency procurement. On July 18, 2022, Austin Public Health hosted nine organizations to present the opportunity. A tenth organization was included in the opportunity discussions on July 19, 2022. In response, three organizations submitted an Interest Form for the Southbridge emergency agreement. An internal committee reviewed the applications and made a determination based on the information provided and Departmental priorities.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability; Health and Environment.