



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2696, **Agenda Item #:** 3.

9/1/2022

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Family Eldercare for permanent supportive housing services for a thirteen month term beginning September 1, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$1,049,597.

Lead Department

Community Court.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$841,492 is included in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Downtown Austin Community Court proposed budget and contingent on Council adopting the City of Austin Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Funding in the amount of \$208,105 is included in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Downtown Austin Community Court Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

August 11, 2021, Council approved Ordinance No. 20210811-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

Long-term homelessness, physical and mental health issues, and substance use disorders are among the common challenges of the clients of the Intensive Case Management (ICM) program at Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC). ICM staff connects clients with supportive services and permanent housing. DACC's Permanent Supportive Housing program (PSH) provides 47 scattered site units of PSH, financial assistance to obtain and maintain housing, and case management for persons experiencing chronic homelessness referred by DACC. This program promotes long-term housing stability, independence, recovery, and improved health with a client to case manager ratio of no more than 12:1.

This agreement is recommended for award based on an emergency procurement due to the Downtown Austin Community Court terminating its current contract for PSH with Front Steps by September 30, 2022. On July 18, 2022, DACC and Austin Public Health hosted nine organizations to present the opportunity of entering into an emergency agreement for PSH with DACC. In response, three organizations submitted an Interest Form for the DACC PSH emergency agreement. An internal committee reviewed the applications and made a determination based on the information provided and DACC priorities. Family Eldercare will prioritize re-hiring Front Steps staff, whose positions were funded by the DACC PSH contracts, to the extent reasonable, which would allow the staff to maintain their positions and client caseloads at the new agency.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.