



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2564, **Agenda Item #:** 68.

9/1/2022

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 7 with The Salvation Army, a Georgia Corporation, to provide short-term funding for families experiencing homelessness to access child-care services, to add one 12-month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$160,000, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,120,000.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$160,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

April 7, 2016 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of a social services agreement with The Salvation Army, on a 9-0 vote.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize the Austin Public Health Department to continue services provided by The Salvation Army, a Georgia Corporation, through the Passages Childcare Voucher Program (Program). This Passages Program provides short-term funding to families experiencing homelessness to pay for quality childcare of their choosing, while allowing caregivers to focus on preparing for a safe exit from shelter, increasing income, and transitioning to stable housing.

Amendment No. 6 exercised the fifth extension option in the amount of \$160,000 for the program period of October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022.

Amendment No. 5 exercised the fourth extension option in the amount of \$160,000 for the program period of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

Amendment No. 4 exercised the third extension option in the amount of \$160,000 for the program period of October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020.

Amendment No. 3 exercised the second extension option in the amount of \$160,000 for the program period of October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019.

Amendment No. 2 exercised the first extension option in the amount of \$160,000 for the program period of

September 30, 2017 to September 30, 2018.

Amendment No. 1 modified the program exhibits and extended the agreement to September 30, 2017.

The Passages Program provides services for homeless families and people on the verge of eviction and offers subsidized child-care to families with children under the age of 12 as a supportive service, which is an essential component in moving families to housing and economic stability.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.