



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2586, **Agenda Item #:** 71.

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Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of agreements with five social service agencies to provide rapid rehousing services for an initial 12-month term beginning October 1, 2022 in a combined amount not to exceed \$4,521,402, with four 12-month extension options in a combined amount not to exceed \$18,085,608, for a total combined amount not to exceed \$22,607,010 divided among the agencies.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$4,521,402 is included in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 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 contracts with five social service agencies will authorize the Austin Public Health Department to negotiate and execute five agreements with social service agencies to provide rapid re-housing services to individuals experiencing housing instability.

These agreements were awarded through the Request For Proposals (RFP) 2022-001 Homeless Housing Stabilization Services which was informed by the Homeless Strategy Division and released on January 31, 2022. Two optional pre-bid meetings were conducted, including one on February 1, 2022 and another on February 4, 2022, with applications due March 9, 2022. Over 650 vendors were solicited, resulting in the receipt of nine rapid re-housing proposals. Of the nine rapid re-housing proposals submitted, five were awarded with funding from the Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

The application evaluation process used set 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 each application. Evaluators agreed upon strengths and weaknesses of each application, and each 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.

The Austin Public Health Department awarded five proposals with initial base terms of 12 months, each with four 12-month extension options.

Applications Funded in Response to RFP 2022-001 Homeless Housing Stabilization Services

Agency	Services	Initial Base Term Funding Amount	Four 12-Month Extension Option Funding Amount	Total Contract, not to exceed, Funding Amount
Casa Marianella	Rapid Re-Housing	\$323,850	\$1,295,400	\$1,619,250
Family Eldercare	Rapid Re-Housing	\$959,934	\$3,839,736	\$4,799,670
Youth & Family Alliance d/b/a Lifeworks	Rapid Re-Housing	\$609,383	\$2,437,532	\$3,046,915
Caritas	Rapid Re-Housing	\$2,162,557	\$8,650,228	\$10,812,785
Family Endeavors	Rapid Re-Housing	\$465,678	\$1,862,712	\$2,328,390
Rapid Rehousing Total		\$4,521,402	\$18,085,608	\$22,607,010

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.