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# City of Austin

# Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2604, Agenda Item #: 75.

9/1/2022

#### Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Austin Travis County Mental Health & Mental Retardation Center d/b/a Integral Care to provide permanent supportive housing services to individuals experiencing chronic homelessness at 3515 Manor Road, Austin, Texas 78723, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.

### Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

#### Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$2,000,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

#### For More Information:

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#### Additional Backup Information:

This agreement was awarded through the Request for Proposal (RFP) 3515 Manor, which was released in partnership between the Austin Public Health Department and the Austin Housing Finance Corporation on March 11, 2022 to develop and operate a multifamily rental housing development(s) with on-site social services, on a three-acre property located at 3515 Manor Road. The development of the property will address homelessness, affordable housing, and other community priorities identified through previous Housing and Planning Department public engagement efforts. The development shall consist of one or more multifamily rental developments developed as low-income affordable housing for families and persons experiencing chronic homelessness.

A total of 1,943 vendors were solicited, resulting in the submission of six permanent supportive housing service proposals. Of those submitted, one proposal was awarded to provide permanent supportive housing services.

The application evaluation process was completed by two separate review panels. The review panels consisted of individuals with education and expertise in the relevant issue-area. First, the Austin Public Health Department and the Austin Housing Finance Corporation staff conducted a financial feasibility analysis. Only those respondents that exhibiting they were financially feasible were considered for award and evaluated by the Request for Proposal Evaluation Panel (Evaluation Panel). The Evaluation Panel used established criteria to review and rate all applications. Evaluators discussed the strengths and weaknesses of each application, and each received a resultant score. The top two highest scoring proposers met virtually with the Evaluation Panel to answer additional questions about their proposals. The evaluation included review of the development concept, development team, financial feasibility, and proposer presentations. Following the conclusion of the presentations, the Evaluation Panel's

scores were published online, as well as all complete proposals submitted prior to the due date, reflecting any redactions requested and financial disclosures provided by each Proposer.

City residents were provided three weeks to choose their preferred proposal and provide comments. Final remaining actions are the Executive Team's preferred proposal recommendation to Council and the Austin Housing Finance Corporation Board; and then the subsequent public convening of Council and the Austin Housing Finance Corporation Board selection on July 28, 2022, at which time the selected proposer will be awarded the development opportunity and the social services contract by Council and the Austin Housing Finance Corporation Board.

## Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.