



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2798, Agenda Item #: 32.

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Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Jane's Due Process to provide sexual and reproductive health and wellness education and service navigation, for a 12-month term beginning October 1, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, with four 12-month extension options each in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$750,000.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$150,000 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 an agreement with Jane's Due Process will provide sexual health and reproductive education and wellness navigation services in Austin, Texas. Jane's Due Process will provide services, resources and practical support related to sexual and reproductive health and overcoming barriers that impede access to healthcare. This practical support includes, but is not limited to, family planning services, such as education about and access to birth control; case management; transportation expenses and services related to access to healthcare; support to persons navigating all pregnancy outcomes; translation services; and reproductive healthcare referrals.

Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC), LGBTQ+ individuals, youth, and immigrants face multiple barriers to accessing sexual and reproductive healthcare. To support these communities in overcoming some of the barriers to accessing sexual and reproductive healthcare, the program will develop a targeted communications and outreach plan to inform marginalized individuals of services.

Additional Administrative Details:

- 1) Funds cannot be used to pay abortion providers and/ or abortion provider affiliates;
- 2) Agencies affirmatively assert they are not affiliated with an "abortion provider" or an "affiliate" of an abortion provider as those terms are defined under Texas law (Chapter 2272 of the Texas Government Code (Prohibited Transactions) and Chapter 245 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Abortion Facilities);
- 3) The City of Austin shall not require Jane's Due Process to return funds as a result of an order or judgment related to a lawsuit, but will only compensate Jane's Due Process for services rendered in accordance with this Contract.
- 4) Litigation expenses, including damages, costs, and attorney's fees, related to an alleged violation of House Bill 1280 or Senate Bill 8 as enacted by the 87th Texas Legislature, are unallowable expenses as defined in

Exhibit B.3: Compensation Terms.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment, Safety, Government that Works for All.