



## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 8 to an agreement with Casa Marianella, to provide shelter and support to homeless immigrants, to add two 12-month extension options beginning October 1, 2022 each in an amount not to exceed \$201,668, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,800,751.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$201,668 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.

### **Prior Council Action:**

September 30, 2021 - Council authorized the negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 7 to the agreement with Casa Marianella, on a 10-1 vote with Council Member Kelly voting nay.

November 20, 2014 - Council authorized the award, negotiation, and execution of a contract with 33 social service agencies or other qualified offerors, on a 6-0 vote with Council Member Tovo recusing herself from contracts associated with Theater Action Project/Creative Action.

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The goal of Casa Marianella is to ensure homeless immigrants' basic needs are met by accessing home-like shelter facilities, food, clothing, access to medical care for physical and mental illness, comprehensive case management, life skills, and English as a Second Language education. Homeless immigrants are provided personal attention, kindness, and respect, and a strength-based approach to case management to help them reclaim their lives.

Amendment No. 7 exercised the fourth extension option for the period beginning October 1, 2021.

Amendment No. 6 exercised the third extension option for the period beginning October 1, 2020.

Amendment No. 5 exercised the second extension option for the period beginning October 1, 2019.

Amendment No. 4 exercised the first extension option for the period beginning October 1, 2018.

Amendment No. 3 added \$4,919 to the agreement in Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and modified exhibits.

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Amendment No. 2 added \$8,846 to the agreement in Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and modified exhibits.

Amendment No. 1 added \$32,658 to the agreement in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and modified exhibits.

The Health and Human Services Department issued a request for applications (RFA) on February 24, 2014, and closed it on March 24, 2014. The purpose of the RFA was to solicit social service investments needed to meet the needs of the most vulnerable individuals in the community. This process was designed to address the five self-sufficiency goals and distribute funding across a Life Continuum: Early Childhood, Youth, Adults & Families, and Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities. The social service programs recommended for funding were for an initial 37-month period from September 1, 2015, to September 30, 2018, with three 12-month extension options. Casa Marianella was awarded an agreement through this RFA to provide immigrants arriving in Austin, Texas safe housing and access to the services they need to be successful.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment.