



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2902, **Agenda Item #:** 39.

9/15/2022

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 9 to the agreement with Catholic Charities of Central Texas to provide housing stability services to households at risk of homelessness, to add one six-month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$850,000, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$6,516,750.00.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$850,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

March 24, 2022 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 8 to the agreement with Catholic Charities of Central Texas, on an 11-0 vote.

March 12, 2020 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 6 to the agreement with Catholic Charities of Central Texas, on a 10-0 vote.

March 31, 2016 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of an agreement with Catholic Charities of Central Texas, on a 9-0 vote with Council Member Zimmerman voting nay and Mayor Adler absent.

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Additional Backup Information:

The goal of the Catholic Charities of Central Texas's Financial Stability Program is to help working poor families achieve economic self-sufficiency and housing stability through financial assistance, long-term case management, budgeting, and goal setting. To be eligible, individuals must be a renter and resident of Austin or Travis County and will be referred by the Austin Public Health Department's Neighborhood Centers (Neighborhood Centers).

Amendment No. 8 exercised the sixth extension option in the amount of \$775,946 for the period of April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023.

Amendment No. 7 exercised the fifth extension option in the amount of \$775,946 for the period of April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022.

Amendment No. 6 exercised the fourth extension option in the amount of \$775,946 and added one-time

funding in the amount of \$250,000, for a total amount of \$1,025,946, for the period of April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

Amendment No. 5 added \$ 60,000 in one-time funding.

Amendment No. 4 added \$10,000 in one-time funding.

Amendment No. 3 exercised the third extension option in the amount of \$ 775,946 for the period of April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020.

Amendment No. 2 exercised the second extension option in the amount of \$775,946 for the period of April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019.

Amendment No. 1 exercised the first extension option in the amount of \$757,020 for the period of April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018.

The base agreement authorized Catholic Charities of Central Texas to work with the Neighborhood Centers to provide housing stability services to households at risk of homelessness in an amount not to exceed \$740,000, for a 12-month term beginning on April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$3,700,000.

On December 14, 2015, the Austin Public Health Department (previously known as the Health and Human Services Department) issued a competitive solicitation with a deadline of February 1, 2016 with the hope of establishing an agreement with a community-based organization capable of managing a Rental Assistance Program with the following components: 1) offer case management, direct financial assistance, and other wrap-around services that will assist households at-risk of homelessness to maintain housing, and 2) operate as a fiscal agent to distribute direct financial assistance on behalf of case-managed clients of the Neighborhood Centers. Two applications were received, and the Austin Public Health Department presented the funding recommendation to the Health and Human Services Committee on March 9, 2016.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.