



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2888, Agenda Item #: 10.

9/29/2022

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a co-sponsorship agreement with Austin Community Foundation for reentry planning services through the Austin/Travis County Reentry Roundtable for an initial 12-month term beginning October 1, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, with four 12-month renewal options not to exceed \$50,000 per option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$250,000.

Lead Department

Community Court.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$50,000 for the initial term of this agreement is included in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Downtown Austin Community Court Operating Budget. Funding for future years is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Prior Council Action:

August 18, 2021 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20220817-004 adopting the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The Austin/Travis County Reentry Roundtable (RRT) is a coalition of public sector leaders, criminal justice system leaders, service providers, advocacy organizations and persons directly impacted by the criminal justice system working to promote safe and healthy communities through effective reentry and reintegration of formerly incarcerated persons and individuals with criminal histories. RRT seeks to explicitly engage peer coalitions, institutions and partners focusing on racial justice and ending homelessness as part of their efforts.

RRT is a collaborative entity utilizing the Austin Community Foundation as its fiscal sponsor. RRT has no full-time staff but operates using consultant support to coordinate and support its work. Membership in the Roundtable is through the organizational governing body, the Planning Council. The Roundtable is highly collaborative, including representatives from governmental agencies, academic institutions, community organizations and other nongovernmental entities, individuals with lived experience in the criminal justice system, and other community representatives as Planning Council members.

The contractual agreement providing funding for RRT's efforts originated in 2009. Additionally, DACC leadership serves on the RRT Planning Council, along with many other stakeholders and community organizations, to help with collaborative work around reentry service planning and educational efforts. Approval of this item would continue the partnership DACC has maintained with the Reentry Roundtable since 2009.

This agreement aligns directly with Strategic Direction 2023 Safety Outcome, Strategy 9 to, “Improve positive outcomes in the justice system by understanding the perspectives of those who interact with the adult and juvenile justice systems (crime victims, defendants, etc.). Increase information-sharing across partner organizations, with an initial focus on increasing access to services and alternatives to adjudication (formal decision by a judge).”

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety