



Recommendation for Action

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10/27/2022

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to an agreement with Central Texas Community Health Centers d/b/a CommUnityCare for community health workers to engage in COVID-19 response and chronic disease prevention activities, to add funding in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 to each of the two renewal options, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$400,000.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$80,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Austin Public Health Department Special Revenue Budget from the Community Health Worker Train, Deploy, Engage Grant. Funding for the remaining terms is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Prior Council Action:

October 21, 2021- Council authorized negotiation and execution of agreements with University of Texas at Austin, Dell Medical School, Housing Authority of the City of Austin, Central Texas Community Health Centers doing business as CommUnityCare, Foundation Communities, and People's Community Clinic, on an 11-0 vote.

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Additional Backup Information:

This contract provides training, deployment, and engagement of community health workers in the City's COVID 19 response and helps address underlying social factors and chronic disease health factors negatively impacting community members. The funding increase will allow for the hiring of one additional community health worker at CommUnityCare locations to provide the following services:

- Facilitation of COVID-19 prevention and vaccine engagement opportunities
- Screening, referral, and follow-up with clinic patients for social determinants of health
- Promotion of healthy lifestyle behaviors (nutrition, physical activity, tobacco prevention) and other activities to reduce risk of chronic disease
- Participation in ongoing project training opportunities

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has allocated federal funds to the Austin Public Health Department from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020 for DP21-2109 - Community Health Workers for COVID Response and Resilient Communities. CommUnityCare is one of five funded agencies providing services for this grant.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.