



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-3340, Agenda Item #: 31.

10/27/2022

Posting Language

Authorize the execution of an agreement with Sunrise Community Church to provide street outreach services in an amount not to exceed \$390,000 for the initial 12-month term beginning October 1, 2022, with one 12-month extension option not to exceed \$390,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$780,000.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$780,000 is available from the U.S Department of Treasury, American rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Prior Council Action:

March 25, 2021 - Resolution No. 20210325-111 was approved, as amended by Mayor Adler and Council Member Tovo, on consent on Council Member Alter's motion, Council Member Ellis' second on an 11-0 vote.

September 29, 2022 - Council approved the negotiation of agreements with four social service agencies to provide street outreach services for an initial 12-month term beginning October 1, 2022, in a combined amount not to exceed \$2,007,832, with one 12-month extension option in a combined amount not to exceed \$2,007,832, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$4,015,664 divided among the agencies.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health (APH) to execute an agreement with Sunrise Community Church to provide street outreach services to individuals experiencing housing instability.

This agreement was awarded through the Request for Proposal (RFP) 2022-004 Homeless Crisis Response Services. The RFP was informed by the Homeless Strategy Division and released March 31, 2022. Two optional pre-bid meetings were conducted, one on April 4, 2022, and another on April 5, 2022. In addition, two optional virtual office hours meetings were conducted, one on April 12, 2022, and another on May 3, 2022. Applications were due May 12, 2022. Over 650 vendors were solicited, resulting in fifteen proposals being submitted. Of those submitted, five proposals were submitted for street outreach service four proposals were awarded.

The application evaluation process used set criteria to uniformly review all applicants evaluated by a separate and independent panel. A review panel comprised of individuals with education and expertise in the issue-area rated each application. Evaluators agreed upon strengths and weaknesses of each

application, and each received a resultant score based on this process. The criteria for evaluation included the following: Fiscal and Administrative Capacity, Experience and Cultural Competence/Racial Equity; Program Design and Performance Metrics; Data-Informed Program Management; and Cost Effectiveness.

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law, establishing the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program. ARPA funds are intended to support ongoing recovery efforts in Austin and Travis County and respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency by meeting urgent community needs. ARPA award funds will be used for activities that respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including those impacts related to food access and the local food system. On March 25, 2021, Austin City Council Approved Resolution No. 20210325-111 initiating the development of a spending framework for COVID-19 relief, which included housing stabilization as a funding priority.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.