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City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-3620, Agenda Item #: 43.

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Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of agreements with four social service agencies to provide HIV-related housing services for an initial 12-month term beginning October 1, 2022 in a combined amount not to exceed \$2,287,955, each with four 12-month extension options in a combined amount not to exceed \$11,439,775, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$13,727,730 divided among the agencies.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$2,287,955 is available from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Grant for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded grant funds for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program for HIV-related housing services to be provided in the Austin Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area, which includes Travis, Williamson, Hays, Bastrop, and Caldwell counties. The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program grant services include short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance, tenant-based rental assistance, housing placement, and residential housing supportive services for HIV-positive clients living in a qualified residential setting. The City annual grant award is formula driven and is a function of the total amount of Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program housing funds appropriated by the U.S. Congress and the reported number of AIDS cases in the Austin Transitional Grant Area. The grant funds may be expended over three years from the date of the annual grant award. As part of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development required citizen participation plan, community feedback was received and led to the continued support of programs for rent, mortgage, and utility assistance, and residential supportive services.

A Request for Applications was released on August 2021 with a due date of September 16, 2021. The following projects were funded: AIDS Services of Austin, Inc. dba Vivent Health for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$900,000; Project Transitions, Inc. for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,200,000; Wright House Wellness Center d/b/a ASHwell for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$52,627; and Austin Travis County Mental Health & Mental Retardation Center d/b/a Austin Travis County Integral Care d/b/a Integral Care for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$135,328.

The approved Fiscal Year 2022-2023 City of Austin Annual Action Plan includes Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS funding for subrecipients as follows:

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•	FY 22-23 Annual Plan Allocations	Contract Not to Exceed Amount
AIDS Services of Austin, Inc. dba Vivent Health	\$900,000	\$4,500,000
Project Transitions, Inc.	\$1,200,000	\$6,000,000
Wright House Wellness Center dba ASHWell	\$52,627	\$263,135
Austin Travis County Mental Health & Mental Retardation Center dba Integral Care	\$135,328	\$676,640
Total	\$2,287,955	\$11,439,775

<u>Strategic Outcome(s):</u> Health and Environment, Economic Opportunity and Affordability.