

# City of Austin



## Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-3631, Agenda Item #: 46.

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#### Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 7 to an agreement with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc. for outreach, education, and advocacy services to low-income tenants, to add one 12-month extension in an amount not to exceed \$460,000 for the term beginning January 1, 2023, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$3,490,000.

#### Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

#### Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$460,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

#### Prior Council Action:

November 18, 2021 - Council authorized the negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 6 with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc., on a 10-1 vote with Council Member Kelly voting nay.

December 10, 2020 - Council authorized the negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 5 to an agreement with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc., on an 11-0 vote.

January 23, 2020 - Council authorized the negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 4 to an agreement with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc., on a 10-0 vote with Mayor Adler absent.

December 13, 2018 - Council authorized the negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 3 to an agreement with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc., on a 7-1 vote with Council Member Troxclair voting nay, Mayor Adler and Council Member Flannigan off the dais, and Council Member Renteria absent.

December 17, 2015 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of a contract with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc., on an 8-2 vote with Council Members Troxclair and Zimmerman voting nay and Council Member Gallo abstaining.

#### For More Information:

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#### Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize the negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 7 with the Texas RioGrande Legal Aide, Inc. to continue outreach, education, and advocacy services for low-income tenants.

The Residents' Advocacy Program will serve low-income Austin tenants living in substandard housing who are working with the Texas RioGrande Legal Aid's Building and Strengthening Tenant Action Project. Eligible

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clients will have incomes at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level or belong to a tenant organization whose membership is primarily composed of tenants at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. Clients will reside at properties identified through the program.

Amendment No. 6 exercised the sixth extension option and added \$460,000 for the period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

Amendment No. 5 exercised the fifth extension option and added \$600,000 for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

Amendment No. 4 exercised the fourth extension option and added \$140,000 for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Amendment No. 3 exercised the third extension option and added \$110,000 for the period of January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.

Amendment No. 2 exercised the second extension option for the period of January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

Amendment No. 1 exercised the first extension option for the period of January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

### Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment; Economic Opportunity, and Affordability.