



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-3715, **Agenda Item #:** 48.

12/8/2022

Posting Language:

Approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$705,979 from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the Homeless Housing and Services Program and the Homeless Housing and Services Program Youth Set-Aside, and the negotiation and execution of a related contract.

Lead Department:

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note:

Funding in the amount of \$705,979 is available from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

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Additional Backup Information:

Administrative Code to be approved by the receiving entity's governing body (1) authorizing execution of the contract for Homeless Housing and Services Program funds; (2) identifying the title of the person authorized to represent the entity and possesses the signature authority to execute the contract; and (3) dated not more than twelve months from the date of contract execution.

On July 13, 2022, the City received notification of the 2023 allocation of funding for the following grants: 1) Homeless Housing and Services Program in the amount of \$540,935 and 2) Homeless Housing and Services Program Youth Set-Aside in the amount of \$165,044, for a total allocation of \$705,979 for the term of September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023.

The Homeless Housing and Services Program was authorized by the Texas Legislature during the 81st Legislative Session. It was the first program authorizing state funding for homeless services and homelessness prevention.

The Austin Public Health Department will allocate Homeless Housing and Services Program funding to continue emergency shelter services, case management, and housing assistance for single adults and families at the Salvation Army Social Service Center Emergency Shelter downtown. Performance measures will be negotiated during contract development with the agency.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant. All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.