



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1550, Agenda Item #: 83.

3/23/2023

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to an agreement with A New Entry, Inc. for bridge housing services, to increase funding for the current agreement ending on September 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$207,000, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$602,797.

Lead Department

Community Court.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$207,000 is available from the U.S. Department of Treasury, American Rescue Plan Act.

Prior Council Action:

July 29, 2021 - Council authorized the negation and execution of an agreement the A New Entry, Inc. for the provision of bridge housing services.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) has been working closely with the Austin Public Health's Homeless Strategy Division (HSD) to identify solutions for residents of The Salvation Army (TSA) downtown shelter since TSA announced on February 17th that it would be closing the doors of this shelter in the immediate future.

DACC entered in a three-year agreement with A New Entry, Inc. (ANE) for bridge housing on July 29, 2021. The goal of this bridge housing program is to provide six beds every night for individuals to access a safe, stable, and supported place of residence until a long-term housing solution is identified. This program aligns with The Austin Strategic Direction 2023 under Economic Affordability and Opportunity, to define and enact our response to homelessness focusing on efficient and effective use of our resources to address disparities, prevent homelessness, and support housing stability.

Due to the urgency of the situation created by the closure of TSA downtown shelter, immediate action was necessary to assist the current residents of the shelter with compassion and kindness to ensure everyone has a safe space to stay and ANE began the intake process of displaced TSA shelter residents on Monday, March 13th. Approval of this item will provide funding for 23 additional congregate beds every night up to 90 days for individuals displaced from TSA downtown shelter. ANE will coordinate and monitor all aspects of services delivered, including intake, assessment, and creating individual housing plans. ANE will conduct multiple individual meetings with clients, including regular evaluations, case conferences, referrals to adjunctive services, advocacy, and liaison with other community organizations.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.