



**May 4, 2023**

## Questions and Answers Report



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## QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

**Item #7:** Authorize an amendment to a contract for continued urban forest grants management and administration services with Austin Community Foundation, to increase the amount by \$4,000,000 for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$10,000,000. [Note: This contract was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the services required for this contract, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established].

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Table of Urban Forest Grant Funding Awards, FY20 – Current

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Central Texas Mycological Society	\$18,500.00
Downtown Austin Alliance	\$2,058.00
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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council Members

**FROM:** Adriene Sturup, Director, Austin Public Health Department *Adriene Sturup*

**THROUGH:** Stephanie Hayden-Howard, LMSW, Assistant City Manager

**DATE:** May 3, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Clarification Memo for Item #17 – May 4, 2023, City Council Agenda

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This memo provides updated language for item #17 on the May 4, 2023, City Council Agenda.

The revised fiscal note language is:

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If you have any questions, please contact me at [adrienne.sturup@austintexas.gov](mailto:adrienne.sturup@austintexas.gov). Thank you.

cc: Jesús Garza, Interim City Manager  
Stephanie Hayden-Howard, Assistant City Manager