



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1681, Agenda Item #: 31.

5/18/2023

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 4 to the agreement with Catholic Charities of Central Texas to help refugee families achieve economic self-sufficiency and housing stability, to add one 12-month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$500,000.00.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$100,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

June 9, 2022 - Council authorized the negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 3 to the agreement with Catholic Charities of Central Texas, to add one 12-month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$400,000, on an 11-0 vote.

May 23, 2019 - Council authorized the negotiation and execution of an agreement with Catholic Charities of Central Texas to provide homeless prevention services to refugee families in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the 23-month period ending June 30, 2021 and \$100,000 for one 12-month extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$300,000, on a 10-0 vote.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

March 12, 2018 - Commission on Immigrant Affairs passed Recommendation No. 20180212-004B regarding fulfilling refugee housing needs.

Additional Backup Information:

On March 12, 2018, the City's Commission on Immigrant Affairs (Commission) passed a recommendation regarding refugee housing needs. The City is the largest refugee resettlement site in Central Texas, and many refugees need affordable housing and rental assistance. In development of the resolution, the Commission met with various City department officials and community agencies to discuss rental assistance resources for refugees living within Austin. Organizations participating in meetings on this topic included: Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA), Caritas of Austin, Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO), Austin Public Health, and Neighborhood Housing and Community Development. The Commission concluded there were not enough City resources available to address the needs of refugees in the community.

This action will authorize Amendment 4 to add one 12-month extension option starting July 1, 2023 for the Refugee Homeless Prevention agreement with Catholic Charities.

Amendment No. 3 exercised the second extension option in the amount of \$100,000 for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Amendment No. 2 exercised the first extension option in the amount of \$100,000 for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

Amendment No. 1 modified program work statement for the period of August 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021.