



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2360, **Agenda Item #:** 60.

7/20/2023

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for I Belong in Austin program administration with El Buen Samaritano Episcopal Mission, for up to three years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$17,800,000.

[Note: This solicitation 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 solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Housing Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$7,800,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of the Housing Department. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) 7200 BYS3027 for these services. The solicitation was issued on January 23, 2023, and closed on March 2, 2023. Of the four offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the best evaluated responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a log of offers received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: [Solicitation Documents](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=137896)
<https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=137896>.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov
<<mailto:FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov>> or 512-974-2500. Respondents to the solicitation and their Agents should direct all questions to the Authorized Contact Person identified in the solicitation.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide Tenant Rental Assistance services. The main goal of this contract is to provide financial assistance with rent, moving, storage and relocation costs to reduce residential displacement of tenants in Austin, prevent individuals and families from experiencing homelessness and assist households in the case of emergency events (weather, public health, fire, etc).

This work is part of the Housing Department's Displacement Prevention Strategy, which incorporates recommendations from the City of Austin's Anti-Displacement Task Force Final Recommendations for Action

to address gentrification and to develop strategies for preserving and expanding the supply of affordable housing, supporting small businesses, and preserving the City's cultural assets. The strategy also incorporates the work of the University of Texas gentrification study Uprooted, as well as the People's Plan, which recommends strategies to minimize displacement. The Displacement Prevention Strategy is also responsive to the directive to create an implementation plan for the Strategic Housing Blueprint, as called for in Council Resolutions 20170413-024 and 20170413-025.

The contract replaces a contract that expires September 30, 2023. Requested authorization amounts were based on historical spend and departmental estimates of future needs. The recommended contractor is the current provider of these services.

An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored El Buen Samaritano Episcopal Mission as the best to provide these services based on price, service-disabled veteran business enterprise, program design, proposer experience and qualifications, effective and appropriate reporting requirements and measurable outcomes, personnel, and service to clients.

If a contract is not secured, the City's ability to address displacement prevention will be limited.

Contract Detail:

<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>	<u>Contract Authorization</u>
Initial Term	1 yr.	\$ 7,800,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 5,000,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 5,000,000
TOTAL	3 yrs.	\$17,800,000

Note: Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.