



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2123, **Agenda Item #:** 98.

7/20/2023

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with three subgrantees for teen pregnancy prevention services for an initial 12-month term beginning July 1, 2023, in a combined amount not to exceed \$214,394, each with four 12-month renewal options in a combined amount not to exceed \$857,576, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,071,970 divided among the agencies.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$214,394 is available from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Teen Pregnancy Prevention Grant. Funding for the remaining terms is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Prior Council Action:

September 17, 2020 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of contracts with Integral Care, Nicole Trevino Consulting, SAFE Alliance, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, School of Public Health, and El Buen Samaritano, for teen pregnancy prevention services, on an 11-0 vote.

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Additional Backup Information:

Funding approved for this item will be used to create and support the Austin Healthy Adolescent Project (AHAP), which is a multi-level approach developed by Austin Public Health's Austin Healthy Adolescent (AHA) Program and the AHAP partner organizations. The project goals include improving the optimal health of adolescents in Council District 4 (D4), and reducing teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) through: (1) effective sexual health education; (2) youth engagement and leadership development; and (3) family and community engagement and support.

The D4 community shows elevated teen pregnancy rates, STIs, as well as historic barriers that have affected the health and wellbeing of the community. Texas teen birth rates in 2020 were 22.4 births per 1,000 females, 15-19 years of age, which makes Texas the 9th highest state in the rate of teen births. Additionally, data from Healthy Futures of Texas (or HFTX), formerly the Texas Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy (or TCPTP), shows the teen birth rate in Travis County is 16.9%, which is higher than the United States rate of 15.4%.

Travis County teenage birth rate data was reviewed in more detail and while rates are on the decline for most ethnicities and races, there is still a large disparity between White, Black, and Hispanic rates. The data shows that White teen birth rates in 2017 were at 5.3% and have decreased to 2.7% as of 2021. However, Hispanic teen birth rates were at 35.7% in 2017 and the most current data in 2021 shows it is at 30.1%. In addition, Black teen birth rates were at 29.3% in 2017 and fell to 19.2% in 2021. Rates for Black and Hispanic youth

have decreased but have remained consistently higher than their White peers.