



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2140, **Agenda Item #:** 102.

7/20/2023

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the agreement with People's Community Clinic, Inc. to hire one additional community health worker to engage in COVID-19 response and chronic disease prevention activities, and to add funding in an amount not to exceed \$80,000, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$320,000.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$80,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund.

Prior Council Action:

October 21, 2021 - Council authorized the negotiation and execution of an agreement with People's Community Clinic to hire one community health worker to engage in COVID-19 response and chronic disease prevention activities, on an 11-0 vote.

September 30, 2021 - Council approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20200812-001) to accept and appropriate \$1,432,565 in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and to add 8.0 new full-time equivalent grant positions, for the Chronic Disease Community Health Worker Train, Deploy, Engage Grant, on an 11-0 vote.

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Additional Backup Information:

The agreement with People's Community Clinic, Inc. provides for the training, deployment, and engagement of one community health worker (CHW) as part of the City's COVID 19 response efforts in addressing underlying social and chronic disease health factors negatively impacting community members. The increase in funding for the agreement with People's Community Clinic, Inc. will allow for the hiring of one additional CHW at People's Community Clinic, Inc. for Year 3 of the grant (Project Period of August 31, 2023 to August 30, 2024) to provide the following services:

- Facilitation of COVID-19 prevention and vaccine engagement opportunities
- Screening, referral, and follow-up with clinic patients for social determinants of health needs
- Participation in ongoing project training opportunities

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has

allocated federal funds to Austin Public Health from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020 for DP21-2109 - Community Health Workers for COVID Response and Resilient Communities. People's Community Clinic, Inc. is one of five funded agencies providing services for this grant.