



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2207, **Agenda Item #:** 108.

7/20/2023

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with African American Youth Harvest Foundation to provide Trauma Recovery Center services to survivors of violent crime and their families from underserved populations for a 24-month term beginning September 1, 2023, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund.

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute an agreement with African American Youth Harvest Foundation (AAYHF) to provide Trauma Recovery Center (TRC) services in Austin/Travis County. This agreement will deliver comprehensive mental health treatment and wraparound services to survivors of violent crime and their families from underserved populations, many of whom face insurmountable barriers to connecting with support services after victimization. AAYHF TRC will increase access to healing resources for those most impacted by violence and disrupt cycles of violence through healing and support services.

AAYHF is a 501(c)(3) community-based organization that spearheads mission-aligned and strategic collaborative initiatives to ensure low barrier access to vital resources intended to transition youth and their families to self-sufficiency and community defined success that effectually addresses the social determinants of health, educational success, and economic stability throughout the most vulnerable neighborhoods in Austin and Travis County.

The agreement was awarded via a solicitation process. The Austin Public Health Department's Request for Proposals 2023-003 Austin Trauma Recovery Center (RFP 2023-003 Austin TRC) was released March 7, 2023 and the applications were due April 10, 2023. An optional Pre-Bid Meeting took place on March 10, 2023. Three proposals were submitted, one award, and with over 650 vendors solicited.

Proposals Evaluated for RFP 2023-003 Austin TRC

Agency	Score
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African American Youth Harvest Foundation	80.97
YWCA	78.77
Life Anew	63.37