



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 23-2336, **Agenda Item #:** 111.

7/20/2023

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Family Endeavors, Inc. d/b/a Endeavors, to operate a temporary emergency homeless shelter located at a City-owned facility, for a 12-month term beginning August 1, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$9,140,000.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$9,140,000 is available in the U.S. Department of Treasury, American Rescue Plan Act.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

Endeavors will operate the temporary emergency shelter located at the City-owned facility called the Marshalling Yard.

This Agreement was awarded via a solicitation process. The objectives of this solicitation were to:

1. Provide immediate, temporary, emergency shelter services with ramp up and ramp down in the contract period
2. Establish and operate an emergency shelter with a maximum capacity of 300 low-barrier crisis beds to persons experiencing homelessness; and
3. Create pathways for sheltered individuals/households to connect to housing and support services provided by the community providers working in the Homelessness Response System.

Austin Public Health Department's Request for Proposals 2023-008 Temporary Emergency Shelter was released on May 12, 2023 and applications were due June 1, 2023. A non-mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting took place on May 16, 2023 and there was an optional walk-through of the facility on May 17, 2023. The Request for Proposal was advertised to over 650 vendors and resulted in the submission of three applications.

The Proposal Evaluation process uses set criteria to uniformly review all applicants, which is evaluated by a separate and independent panel. A review panel comprised of individuals with education and expertise in the issue area rate each proposal. Evaluators agreed upon strengths and weaknesses for each proposal and each proposal receives a resultant score based on this process. The criteria for evaluation include the following: fiscal and administrative capacity, experience and cultural competence/racial equity, program design and performance metrics, data-informed program management, and cost effectiveness.