



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2479, **Agenda Item #:** 31.

8/31/2023

Posting Language

Ratify four contracts for services at bridge shelters for individuals experiencing homelessness with Good Work Austin; Hazcore Environmental Inc.; Evins Group LLC d/b/a Evins Personnel Consultants; Evins Temporaries, or Openwork; and Boss Lady Mobile Laundry & Cleaning LLC in the amount of \$2,482,995.

[Note: These contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9C, Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding was available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of Austin Public Health.

Purchasing Language:

Ratifications.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or [512-974-2500](mailto:FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov).

Additional Backup Information:

On June 10, 2021, Council passed Resolution No. 20210610-077, allocating funding for the operation of temporary non-congregate bridge shelters for individuals experiencing homelessness. These contracts were put in place as emergency contracts until a long-term contract could be solicited and executed, due to the passage of proposition B and a Texas state law which made public camping a criminal offense. Bridge shelters provide an opportunity for individuals to address health and safety needs, and get connection to housing options, decreasing the incidence of public camping.

These contracts provided services required for the City's effective operation of temporary non-congregate bridge shelters. Persons living unsheltered lack access to basic needs such as hygiene, shelter, and food. They are also at greater risk of contracting and spreading infectious diseases, including COVID-19. In addition, their occupation of public land in encampments near high traffic areas put public health and safety at risk. The contractors under these contracts were selected based on their experience with similar services which were provided under an existing City contract, and satisfactory performance of services provided for non-congregate shelter operations serving a similar population during the COVID-19 emergency response operations.