



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2792, **Agenda Item #:** 8.

9/14/2023

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Family Eldercare for permanent supportive housing services to add a renewal option for a 12-month period beginning October 1, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$1,049,597, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$2,099,194.

Lead Department

Downtown Austin Community Court

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$840,300 is included in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Downtown Austin Community Court Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

On August 16, 2023, Council approved Ordinance No. 20230816-008 adopting the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Operating Budget. On September 1, 2022, Council approved agenda item 20220901-003 authorizing negotiation and execution of an agreement with Family Eldercare.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 1 with Family Eldercare to approve the extension of the current permanent supportive housing (PSH) services and add additional funding.

This agreement was originally awarded via an emergency procurement due to the Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) terminating its prior contract in September 2022. On July 18, 2022, DACC and Austin Public Health hosted nine organizations to present the opportunity of entering into emergency agreements for services transitioning away from Front Steps, including the PSH program. In response, three organizations submitted an Interest Form for the DACC PSH emergency agreement. An internal committee reviewed the applications and made a determination based on the information provided and DACC priorities.

Long-term homelessness, physical and mental health issues, and substance use disorders are among the common challenges of the clients of the Intensive Case Management (ICM) program at DACC. ICM staff connects clients with supportive services available in the community and permanent housing. The DACC PSH program provides 47 scattered site units of PSH, financial assistance to obtain and maintain housing, and case management for persons experiencing chronic homelessness referred by DACC. This program promotes long-term housing stability, independence, recovery, and improved health with a client to case manager ratio of no more than 12:1.