



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 23-2910, **Agenda Item #:** 64.

9/21/2023

### **Posting Language**

Approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$931,448 from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Homeless Housing and Services Program and the Homeless Housing and Services Program General Set-Aside and Youth Set-Aside, and authorize the negotiation and execution of the related contract renewal.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$931,448 is available from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

### **Prior Council Action:**

On August 17, 2022 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20220817-004 which approved Fiscal Year 2022-23 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund and authorized \$547,000 in grant appropriation for the Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) General Set-Aside Grant and \$167,000 in grant appropriation for the Homeless Housing and Services Program Youth Set-Aside Grant.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

This action will provide the resolution required by Section 7.22(d) of the Texas Administrative Code to be approved by the receiving entity's governing body (1) authorizing execution of the contract for receipt of Homeless and Services Program (HHSP) funds; (2) identifying the title of the person authorized to represent the entity and possesses signature authority to execute the contract; and (3) dated not more than twelve months from the date of contract execution.

On May 4, 2023, the City received notification of the 2024 allocation of funding for Austin in the following grants: 1) HHSP funds in the amount of \$616,409; and, 2) Homeless Housing and Services Program Youth Set-Aside in the amount of \$231,319, for a total allocation of \$847,728 for the program period September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024.

Austin Public Health will allocate HHSP funding to continue emergency shelter services, case management, housing assistance, and homelessness prevention services for single adults and families at the Salvation Army's Emergency Shelters. Performance measures will be negotiated during contract development with the agency. HHSP Youth Set-Aside funding will be allocated for emergency shelter services, case management, street outreach, and housing assistance for homeless youth and young adults up to age 24 through our partnership with Youth and Family Alliance (LifeWorks). Performance measures will be negotiated during contract development.

The Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) was authorized by the Texas Legislature in the 81st Legislative Session. It was the first program that authorized state funding for homeless services and homelessness prevention.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant. All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.