City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-3456, **Agenda Item #:** 55.

12/14/2023

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Urban Alchemy to operate the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless shelter facility for a nine-month term beginning January 1, 2024, in an amount not to exceed $2,648,958, with up to four 12-month extension options each in an amount not to exceed $3,531,944, for a total agreement amount not to exceed $16,776,734.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of $2,648,958 is included in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget. Funding for the remaining terms is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will authorize the negotiation and execution of a new social services agreement with Urban Alchemy for the operation of the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless shelter facility (ARCH). The agreement will require a 20 percent match annually from Urban Alchemy that will begin on the start-date of the first extension option to the agreement.

The ARCH is located at 500 East 7th Street in downtown Austin, Texas. The building is approximately 28,000 square feet with three floors and a garage. The ARCH provides housing-focused shelter and basic needs services to individuals ages 18 and above who identify as men and are experiencing homelessness. The ARCH is designed to help clients meet their basic needs, including acting as a gateway into a variety of programs and services designed to help move clients into stable housing as quickly as possible. The maximum number of individuals that sleep at the ARCH at night is 130.