



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-3626, **Agenda Item #:** 24.

1/18/2024

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 2 to the agreement with Urban Alchemy to operate the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless shelter facility, to add funding in an amount not to exceed \$390,000, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$9,697,186.

Lead Department

Homeless Strategy Office.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$390,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

June 8, 2023 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Urban Alchemy, on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Pool absent.

July 28, 2022 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of an agreement with Urban Alchemy, on an 8-1 vote with Council Member Kelly voting nay, Mayor Pro Tem Alter abstaining, and Council Member Fuentes off the dais.

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Additional Backup Information:

The Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH) shelter provides housing-focused shelter and basic-needs services to individuals 18 years of age or older who identify as men and are experiencing homelessness. The ARCH shelter 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. The ARCH is located at 500 East 7th Street in downtown Austin. The building is approximately 28,000 square feet with three floors and a garage.

This action will authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the agreement with Urban Alchemy to add funding for the operation of the ARCH shelter for the period of October to December 2023.