



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-4342, **Agenda Item #:** 31.

4/18/2024

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for family stabilization grant program services with FII-National d/b/a Family Independence Initiative, in an amount not to exceed \$1,336,000.

[Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the services required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Management Services.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$1,300,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 General Fund Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund Appropriations.

Funding in the amount of \$36,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Operating Budget of Management Services.

Purchasing Language:

Professional Service.

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.

Additional Backup Information:

This contract will provide design, implementation, administration, and management services of a family stabilization grant program. The Family Stabilization Grant Program will build upon the success of the Guaranteed Income Pilot completed in September 2023. In Fiscal Year 2023-2024, Council issued a budget amendment for \$1.3 million to create the Family Stabilization Grant Program as an extension of the Guaranteed Income Pilot to address the urgent need to support low-income families amid Austin's affordability crises. The Family Stabilization Grant Program will continue to provide financial support to families, support opportunities to strengthen families social networks, strengthen existing resources in communities, gather insight and data to assist with uplifting the families in communities. The program will also inform programmatic investments in alignment with the City's strategic priorities.

FII-National d/b/a Family Independence Initiative is a national organization that invests in historically undervalued communities and amplifies their true lived experiences. They have the capacity to accomplish

program implementation quickly, while also having access to the communities of interest identified by the Equity Office. This has been demonstrated through their previous partnership with the City as well as local philanthropic foundations such as St. David's Foundation.

This is a new contract. The recommended contractor has provided similar services in the past. The requested authorization amount was determined based on the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 General Fund Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund Appropriations.

A delay in contract approval could impact the Family Stabilization Grant Program. Additionally, time and resources would be required to familiarize another contractor with the City's equity framework, data, and learnings from past programs.