



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Human and Social Needs
AGENDA DATE: September 11, 2019
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All
DEPARTMENT: Office of Homeless Solutions
EXECUTIVE: Nadia Chandler-Hardy

SUBJECT

Authorize **(1)** an amendment to Resolution No. 18-1383, previously approved on September 26, 2018 to include one twelve-month renewal option to the grant agreement with Shelter Ministries of Dallas dba Austin Street Center for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (THHSC) for the Healthy Community Collaborative (HCC) program; **(2)** an amendment to the grant agreement with Shelter Ministries of Dallas, Contract No. MGT-2018-00007333, to include a twelve-month renewal option; **(3)** to exercise the twelve-month renewal option to be funded by the THHSC for the HCC program for FY 2019-20 (Grant No. 2016-049507-001C) in an amount not to exceed \$504,201.00 for Shelter Ministries of Dallas dba Austin Street Center to **(a)** provide emergency shelter and a wide range of supportive services to homeless individuals who suffer from mental illness, substance abuse disorder or co-occurring psychiatric disorders; **(b)** provide a private 1:1 cash match in an amount not to exceed \$504,201.00; and **(c)** comply with all conditions of the Texas Department of State Health Services Grant to provide services to the homeless through the HCC for the period September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020; and **(4)** execution of the amended grant agreement and renewal - Total not to exceed \$504,201.00 - Financing: Texas Health and Human Services Commission Grant Funds

BACKGROUND

Senate Bill 58 of the 83rd regular legislative session amended Subtitle I, Title 4, of the Texas Government Code to add Chapter 539 establishing or expanding community collaborative projects to improve the access to care, quality/comprehensiveness of care, and outcomes for persons who are both homeless and have a mental illness. The Texas Department of State Health Services awarded funds to five Texas municipalities in counties with populations of more than one million, including Bexar, Dallas, Harris, Tarrant, and Travis.

Acceptable uses of the grant money require one for one matching funds to include the establishment or expansion of a community collaborative of service providers focused on meeting the needs of the mentally ill homeless population including the establishment, operation and/or maintenance of minimum services (assistance accessing benefits, detoxification units, integrated medical services, housing services and education, job training and/or supported employment).

On June 28, 2018 and July 5, 2018, the Office of Homeless Solutions posted a Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals (RFCSP) for a twelve-month agreement, with one twelve-month renewal option, through the Office of Procurement Services for organizations to provide services to homeless individuals who have a mental illness, substance abuse use or co-occurring psychiatric disorder for fiscal year 2018-19 through the THHSC HCC Grant for \$1.5 million. Proposals were selected by a Healthy Community Collaborative Review Committee.

Opened in 1983, Shelter Ministries of Dallas dba Austin Street Center provides overnight shelter, food, clothes, showers, job training and case management for its internal programs and with co-located agencies to assist homeless individuals to transition from homelessness. They serve more than 300 individuals experiencing homelessness per year. Shelter Ministries of Dallas is currently under contract with the City of Dallas to provide expanded services with an intense and longer term transitional shelter program for homeless individuals with the addition of a Women's Day Resource Program, Housing Readiness Program and After Care Services.

On September 26, 2018, City Council authorized the grant agreement between the City of Dallas and Shelter Ministries of Dallas dba Austin Street Center through a grant from the Health and Human Services Commission for the HCC program for FY 2017-18 (Grant No. 2016-049507-001A) to provide emergency shelter and a wide range of supportive services to homeless men and women to address their needs and assist them to transition out of homelessness for homeless individuals who suffer from mental illness, substance abuse disorder or co-occurring psychiatric disorders by Resolution No. 18-1383.

The 2018 RFCSP included a twelve-month renewal option, but authorization for the twelve-month renewal option was not included in Resolution No. 18-1383. This item amends the prior resolution to include the twelve-month renewal option and also authorizes the City to amend the grant agreement and exercise and execute the twelve-month renewal option to the grant agreement with Shelter Ministries of Dallas dba Austin Street Center to continue providing services under the HCC Grant.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On September 26, 2018, City Council authorized the grant agreement between the City of Dallas and Shelter Ministries of Dallas dba Austin Street Center through a grant from the Health and Human Services Commission for the HCC program for FY 2018-19 (Grant No. 2016-049507-001B) to provide emergency shelter, and a wide range of supportive services to homeless men and women to address their needs and assist them to transition out of homelessness for homeless individuals who suffer from mental illness, substance abuse disorder or co-occurring psychiatric disorders in an amount not to exceed \$504,201.00 for the period September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019; and provide a private 1:1 cash match from Shelter Ministries of Dallas dba Austin Street Center in an amount not to exceed \$504,201.00; and execution of the grant agreement by Resolution No. 18-1383.

On August 14, 2019, City Council authorize an amendment to Resolution No. 18-1380, previously approved on September 26, 2018, to accept additional grant funds from the THHSC for FY 2020 and FY 2021 (Contract No. 2016-049507-001C, Amendment No. 3), to provide services to homeless persons who have a mental illness, substance abuse use or co-occurring psychiatric disorder through the HCC program in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000.00 for the period September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021; and a private 1:1 cash or in-kind match by the City, through its subcontractors in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000.00, by Resolution No. 19-1118.

City Council was briefed by memorandum regarding this matter on August 23, 2019.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Texas Health and Human Services Commission Grant Funds - \$504,201.00

Private Match (Shelter Ministries of Dallas dba Austin Street Center) - \$504,201.00

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