



## Legislation Text

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**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Human and Social Needs  
**AGENDA DATE:** October 23, 2019  
**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):** All  
**DEPARTMENT:** Office of Homeless Solutions  
**EXECUTIVE:** Nadia Chandler-Hardy

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### **SUBJECT**

Authorize a twelve-month contract, with two twelve-month renewal options contingent on available funding, with Legacy Counseling Center, Inc. to provide facility based housing assistance and supportive services for persons with HIV/AIDS for the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020 - Not to exceed \$210,000.00 - Financing: 2019-20 Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Grant Funds

### **BACKGROUND**

On June 12, 2019, City Council adopted the FY 2019-20 HUD Consolidated Plan Budget for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") Grant Funds by Resolution No. 19-0886. The FY 2019-20 HUD Consolidated Plan Budget includes the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS ("HOPWA") Grant Funds, which are available beginning October 1, 2019, contingent upon HUD's approval of the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan and FY 2019-20 Action Plan (which is based on the approved HUD Consolidated Plan Budget, submitted on August 15, 2019) and execution of the grant agreements with HUD. HOPWA Grant Funds are to assist grantees in meeting the housing needs of low-income persons with HIV/AIDS and HIV-related illness and their families.

The City of Dallas has applied for and received HOPWA funds since 1993 to support eligible activities within the Dallas Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area ("Dallas EMSA") which includes the counties of Dallas, Collin, Denton, Ellis, Hunt, Kaufman, and Rockwall.

On June 20, 2019, the City of Dallas Office of Procurement Services issued and solicited and received Requests for Proposals (#BRZ19-00010793) for the HOPWA Program. Legacy Counseling Center, Inc. ("Legacy") submitted a proposal for facility based housing assistance and was recommended for funding.

Legacy is a non-profit agency located in the Oak Lawn area. Legacy was founded in 1989 and has been providing services to the HIV/AIDS impacted population of Dallas and surrounding counties since that time. The agency's programs fall under three categories of services: mental health, substance abuse, and housing. Mental health and substance abuse services include individual, couple, and family therapy and support groups for persons impacted by the HIV/AIDS epidemic, including crisis counseling as well as short and long-term therapy.

Legacy will provide HOPWA facility based housing assistance to persons living with HIV/AIDS through its special care housing program. Legacy also provides HOPWA housing information services and resource identification for persons living with HIV/AIDS and HOPWA master leasing and emergency vouchers for homeless persons living with HIV/AIDS under separate contracts.

Under its special care housing program, Legacy provides housing and hospice/respite care in a home-like setting at the Legacy Founder's Cottage, comprised of seven single room occupancy units. The facility serves critically ill people living with HIV/AIDS, focusing on alleviating their pain and providing comfort and support during the final stages of the disease (typically in the last six months of life).

Supportive services for this high need population consist of 24-hour around-the-clock care (including housing, prepared meals, volunteer based support, and comprehensive case management, as well as access to medical care, transportation, medications, and counseling) for individuals too sick to care from themselves.

To ensure eligible persons across the Dallas EMSA have access to the full continuum of HOPWA eligible activities, the City intends to enter into additional project sponsor agreements with entities that provide additional eligible activities (e.g., facility-based housing, scattered site housing assistance, housing information services, and support services).

All HOPWA projects use the local Homeless Management Information System ("HMIS") to collect client-level data for service coordination and reporting/evaluation purposes. Legacy staff must input client-level data into the local HMIS with applicable written consent. Legacy must also submit monthly financial reports (including supporting documentation) and performance reports (including demographic data, outputs, and outcomes). These reports are compiled at year end into the City's annual report to HUD.

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Number of Persons Assisted	2019-20
	<u>Goal</u>
Unduplicated clients served	26

## OUTCOME MEASURES

Housing Stability	2019-20
	<u>Goal</u>
Percent in stable/temporary housing	83%

**PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)**

On June 12, 2019, City Council adopted the FY 2019-20 HUD Consolidated Plan Budget for the HUD Grant Funds by Resolution No. 19-0886.

**FISCAL INFORMATION**

2019-20 Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Grant Funds - \$210,000.00

**M/WBE INFORMATION**

In accordance with the City's Business Inclusion and Development Plan adopted on October 22, 2008, by Resolution No. 08-2826, as amended, the M/WBE participation on this contract is as follows:

Contract Amount	Category	M/WBE Goal	M/WBE %	M/WBE \$
\$210,000.00	Other Services	N/A	N/A	N/A
• The Business Inclusion and Development Plan does not apply to 501C3 Non-Profit contracts.				

**OWNER**

**Legacy Counseling Center, Inc.**

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