



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

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HCD23-01 Coalition for the Homeless HMIS - 4th Amendment

Agenda Item#: 15.

Background:

The Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department recommends Council approval of an Ordinance authorizing a Fourth Amendment to the Contract between the City of Houston (City) and the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County (the Coalition), to extend the contract term by six-months for the continued operation and maintenance of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), which is used to track services received by individuals that are homeless or at-risk of homelessness.

The HMIS is designed to record and store individual client data, including the types of services needed by Houston's homeless community. It was developed in response to the U.S. Congress' request for information on how appropriated federal homeless funds are spent. Congress is not only interested in fiscal responsibility, but also who the homeless are as a group and the outcome from assistance programs. All agencies receiving federal funds for homeless services are required to participate in the HMIS. The City is funding the Coalition, as the designated Lead Agency of the local Continuum of Care, to comply with this data collection and reporting requirement.

Participation in the HMIS enables HCD to track those receiving assistance through the ESG and HOPWA Programs, reduce duplication of client services, and minimize errors in data reporting. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) encourages ESG/HOPWA grantees and project sponsors to participate in the HMIS to improve coordination and to enhance beneficiary access to other homeless and community assistance programs.

The initial contract period began May 1, 2019, and through subsequent amendments and administrative extensions was extended through October 31, 2023. This Fourth Amendment extends the term through April 30, 2024. The Coalition began receiving funding for HMIS operations through the City in 2012. As of June 2023, the Coalition has operated and maintained the HMIS for the City and local Continuum of Care utilizing 100% of funding allocated from their initial contract and amendments. No Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was performed as the agency is a sole-source provider being the designated Lead Agency. There were no findings on the most recent annual compliance monitoring.

Fiscal Note:

No Fiscal Note is required on grant items.

This item was reviewed by the Housing and Community Affairs Committee on January 17, 2023.

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Keith W. Bynam, Director

Prior Council Action:

5/1/2019 (O) 2019-327, 5/27/2020 (O) 2020-446, 5/19/2021 (O) 2021-395, 4/13/2022 (O) 2022-257

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Public Notice	Public Notice
Ordinance 2019-327	Backup Material
Ordinance 2020-446	Backup Material
Ordinance 2021-395	Backup Material
Ordinance 2022-257	Backup Material
Delinquent Tax Report	Backup Material
Affidavit of Ownership Form-Coalition	Backup Material