



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 3/8/2016

District B, District H

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HCD16-24 A Caring Safe Place Inc.

Agenda Item#:

Summary:

ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a contract between the City of Houston and a **CARING SAFE PLACE, INC.**, to provide up to \$728,374 in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Funds for the administration and operation of a SRO Community Residence and a Transitional Housing Facility, along with the provision of Supportive Services; containing findings and provisions relating to the foregoing subject; and declaring an emergency.

Background:

The Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) recommends approval of a contract between the City of Houston and A Caring Safe Place Inc. providing up to **\$728,374** in HOPWA funds to finance the operation of a single-room-occupancy (SRO) community residence and a transitional housing community residence (both with support services) for low-income and/or homeless persons living with HIV/AIDS.

SRO Community Residence Lydia's Place Apartments – This facility provides permanent housing and supportive services to a minimum of 15 low-income and/or homeless persons living with HIV/AIDS, who also have a history of chemical and/or alcohol dependency. Residents at the facility have been stabilized prior to program entry. Stabilization requires that the client enters the project with at least 30 days of sobriety from alcohol and/or drugs.

Transitional Housing Community Residence – This facility provides transitional housing and supportive services to a minimum of 30 low-income and/or homeless persons living with HIV/AIDS, who also have a history of chemical and/or alcohol dependency.

The following support services are provided at both facilities: case management; HIV support groups; substance abuse and mental health counseling; life skills training; job search assistance and training; housing information and referral assistance; assistance in gaining access to local, state, and federal government benefits and services; and nutritional services. Operating costs for both facilities include property management, utilities, property insurance and other related costs.

The City provides approximately 83% of the budget for this program, and 17% is provided by other funding sources.

Category	Total Contract Amount	Percent
Administrative	\$48,569.50	6.67%
Supportive Services	\$347,780.75	47.75%

Operating	\$332,023.75	45.58%
Total	\$728,374.00	100.00%

HCDD conducted a Request for Proposals (RFP) for HOPWA contracts for fiscal year 2016 with a one-year renewal option for fiscal year 2017. A Caring Safe Place Inc. was one of the agencies selected. This Ordinance will grant the contract period from April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017. A Caring Safe Place Inc. has received HOPWA funding through the City of Houston for various contracts since 1999.

This item was reviewed by the Housing & Community Affairs Committee on February 16, 2016.



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Amount of Funding:

\$728,374.00

Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) - Fund 5000

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