



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

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HCD16-95 Houston Area Community Services

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Summary:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HOUSTON AND HOUSTON AREA COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC., EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT AND PROVIDING UP TO \$4,230,750.00 IN HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS ("HOPWA") FUNDS FOR THE CONTINUING ADMINISTRATION OF A TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND SHORT TERM RENT, MORTGAGE AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, ALONG WITH SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, AND THE OPERATION OF A TRANSITIONAL MEDICAL RESPITE FACILITY; CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Background:

The Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) recommends approval of a first contract amendment to exercise the renewal option between the City of Houston and Houston Area Community Services (HACS) to finance the operation of (1) a Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program with supportive services, (2) a Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance (STRMUA) Program with supportive services, and (3) operation of a transitional medical respite facility.

The City will grant HACS \$4,230,750 to serve low-income persons and their families living with HIV/AIDS. Special emphasis will be placed on addressing those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. HACS will serve at least 915 households affected by HIV/AIDS. HACS' services include rental subsidies and short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance to prevent homelessness by helping families remain in their own dwellings. HACS operates a transitional medical respite facility for persons with AIDS who are homeless and have acute medical conditions that require a stable living environment with nursing care and supportive services. Supportive services includes housing case management, permanent housing placement (rent and utility deposits, applications fees), and behavioral health services. HOPWA funds are providing 59% of the cost of this program.

Category	Total Contract Services	Percent
Administrative	\$205,000.00	4.8%
Supportive Services	\$350,000.00	8.3%
Permanent Housing Placement	\$125,750.00	3%
TBRA	\$2,650,000.00	62.6%
STRMUA	\$600,000.00	14.2%
Operations	\$300,000.00	7.1%
Total	\$4,230,750.00	100%

HCDD conducted a Request for Proposals (RFP) for HOPWA contracts for fiscal year 2016, with a one-year renewal option for fiscal year 2017. HACS was one of the providers selected. This first contract amendment exercises the option for fiscal year 2017, and provides funding from December 1, 2016 – November 30, 2017. HACS began receiving HOPWA funds through the City in 2000.

This item was reviewed by the Housing and Community Affairs Committee on September 20, 2016.



Tom McCasland, Interim Director

Prior Council Action:

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Amount of Funding:

\$4,230,750.00

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

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