



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 26-1475, **Agenda Item #:** 27.

4/23/2026

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with The Salvation Army, a Georgia corporation, for the Emergency Solutions Grant for the Austin Shelter for Women and Children to provide operations and maintenance for a nine-month term, beginning on January 1, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$313,922. Funding: \$313,922 is available in the Austin Homeless Strategies and Operations Emergency Solutions Grant Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget.

Lead Department

Austin Homeless Strategies and Operations.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$313,922 is the Austin Homeless Strategies and Operations Emergency Solutions Grant Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget. Funding for future terms is contingent upon available future funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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Additional Backup Information:

Council approval will support the delivery of services to women and children experiencing homelessness at the Austin Shelter for Women and Children, a low-barrier facility with 81 shelter beds. The shelter works with clients to create individualized housing plans, complete coordinated assessments, and connect individuals to housing programs, housing opportunities, and financial assistance so they may successfully exit the shelter into stable housing. These services represent a core function of the homeless response system and serve as transitional lodging. The shelter provides a place for people experiencing homelessness to be linked to additional programs that may better address their long-term needs.

If authorization of this agreement is not approved, it will limit Austin Homeless Strategies and Operations' ability to provide support for shelter services.