



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 24-4037, **Agenda Item #:** 5.

3/7/2024

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 6 to the agreement with Communities for Recovery, Inc. for housing-focused support services to extend the term of the agreement for 18 months beginning April 1, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$363,700, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,374,490.

### **Lead Department**

Downtown Austin Community Court.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$363,700 is included in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Downtown Austin Community Court Operating Budget.

### **Prior Council Action:**

March 7, 2019 - Council approved agenda item 20190307-009 authorizing negotiation and execution of an agreement with Communities for Recovery, Inc.

### **For More Information:**

Robert Kingham, Court Administrator, Downtown Austin Community Court (512) 974-1394.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

Long-term homelessness, physical and mental health issues, and substance use disorders are among the common challenges of the clients of the Intensive Case Management (ICM) program at the Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC). All of these factors serve as barriers to achieving stability, and obtaining and maintaining housing. The ICM staff connects clients with supportive services and work to locate permanent housing for all clients.

Communities for Recovery, Inc. (CforR) provides peer-based recovery support services for persons with substance use disorders or co-occurring mental health disorders. CforR connects peers in recovery to help DACC's ICM clients obtain and maintain long-term recovery. CforR also has a Peer Recovery Coach dedicated to working onsite at DACC during business hours, who is an integral part of DACC's walk-in housing-focused case management program. This staff enhances DACC's services by welcoming individuals, establishing relationships with individuals in the lobby seeking services, and helping with resource navigation services.

This agreement was originally awarded in 2019 via a procurement to provide housing-focused support services to clients of the DACC ICM program. Amendment No. 1 exercised the first 12-month renewal option beginning April 1, 2020 for \$163,558. Amendment No. 2 added funding for salaries and service enhancements for \$61,000. Amendment No. 3 exercised the second 12-month renewal option beginning April 1, 2021 for \$163,558. Amendment No. 4 exercised the third 12-month renewal option beginning April 1, 2022 for \$229,558, including additional funding for a Peer Support Specialist onsite at DACC to assist with DACC's walk-in case management. Amendment No. 5 exercised the fourth 12-month renewal option beginning April 1,

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2023 for \$229,558.

Approval of negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 6 to this agreement will connect DACC ICM and walk-in case management clients with peer support services to help them obtain and maintain long-term recovery.