



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-4885, **Agenda Item #:** 79.

7/18/2024

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Central Texas Food Bank to provide shelf stable foods and fresh fruits and vegetables for the Neighborhood Services Unit Home Delivery Program, for an initial 12-month term beginning October 1, 2024, with three 12-month extension options, each in an amount not to exceed \$462,107, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,848,428.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$337,107 is available from the U.S. Department of Treasury, American Rescue Plan Act. Funding for the remaining terms is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Prior Council Action:

March 3, 2016 - Council approved Resolution No. 20160303-020, which directed the City Manager to develop recommendations for improving access to fresh, healthy and affordable food, on a 10-1 vote with Council Member Zimmerman voting nay.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to contract with Central Texas Food Bank for the purpose of providing shelf stable foods and fresh fruit and vegetable boxes, as well as assembly and home delivery of prepared boxes, to continue the Austin Public Health Neighborhood Services Unit- Home Delivery Program (Home Delivery Program). This initiative supports Austin Public Health's Fresh for Less Healthy Food Access by eliminating barriers when accessing fresh fruits and vegetables in Austin/Travis County. Austin Public Health has been in partnership with Central Texas Food Bank to implement this program since 2021 and served 13,993 households to date. This agreement will provide monthly food boxes and delivery to an estimated 2300 households with food insecurity and/or transportation and mobility barriers per year. Goals of the Home Delivery Program are to decrease food insecurity and increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables among households who have challenges with transportation, mobility, and accessibility barriers.