



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 26-2183, **Agenda Item #:** 26.

8/27/2026

Posting Language

Authorize an amendment to a contract for continued operation of the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless and the Eighth Street Women's Shelters for Austin Homeless Strategies and Operations with Family Endeavors, Inc., d/b/a Endeavors to extend the term by two years and increase the amount by \$14,100,000 for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$22,131,944. Funding: \$7,050,000 is available in the Operating Budget of Austin Homeless Strategies and Operations. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Lead Department

Austin Financial Services.

Client Department(s)

Austin Homeless Strategies and Operations.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$7,050,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating Budget of Austin Homeless Strategies and Operations. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Procurement Language:

Contract Amendment.

MBE/WBE:

This contract is exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program); therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

Prior Council Action:

October 9, 2025 - Council approved an emergency agreement to operate the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless and the Eighth Street Women's Shelter with Family Endeavors d/b/a Endeavors.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to Austin Financial Services - Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500.

Additional Backup Information:

This amendment will provide continued low-barrier shelter services to unhoused individuals and individuals experiencing homelessness at the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH) and Eighth Street Women's Shelters, city-owned facilities with a combined total of 293 shelter beds. The ARCH Shelter is located at 500 E. 7th Street, Austin, TX 78701, and the Eighth Street Women's Shelter is located at 501 E. 8th Street, Austin, TX 78701.

The shelters work with clients to create individualized housing plans, complete coordinated assessments for those who do not already have one, and connect individuals to housing programs, housing opportunities, and financial assistance to help them successfully transition from shelter into stable housing. These services represent a core function of the homeless response system and provide transitional lodging. The shelters offer a safe and clean environment for people experiencing homelessness while linking them to additional programs that can better address their long-term needs.

The contract will be monitored through a variety of performance metrics, including the number of unduplicated individuals served, the percentage of individuals who exit to permanent housing, and additional metrics related to the delivery of support services.

An amendment is needed to ensure continued services while budgetary and facility determinations are finalized. Once the future of this program's scope, facility and service delivery are clear, a solicitation for these services will be issued to for a replacement contract. Given the complexity of the planning process, anticipated public engagement, and the need to align the solicitation with Council direction and any potential bond-related outcomes, Austin Homeless Strategies and Operations estimates that approximately two years are needed to complete a solicitation and award a contract

Contract Details:

Contract Term	Length of Term	Contract Authorization	Requested Additional Authorization	Revised Total Authorization
Initial Term	1 years	\$8,031,944		\$ 8,031,944
Proposed Amendment	2 years		\$14,100,000	\$14,100,000
Total	3 years	\$8,031,944	\$14,100,000	\$22,131,944

Note: Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.