



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-2105, **Agenda Item #:** 16.

10/9/2025

Posting Language

Ratify an emergency agreement with Family Endeavors to operate the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless and the Eighth Street Women's Shelter for a 12-month term beginning on September 30, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$8,031,944. Funding: \$500,000 was available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operations Social Services Budget of Austin Homeless Strategies, \$7,531,944 is available in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Social Services Budget of Austin Homeless Strategies and Operations.

Lead Department

Austin Homeless Strategies and Operations.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$500,000 was available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operations Social Services Budget of Austin Homeless Strategies.

Funding in the amount of \$7,531,944.00 is available in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Operations Social Services Budget of Austin Homeless Strategies.

Funding for future extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will ratify an emergency agreement with Family Endeavors to operate the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH) and the Eighth Street Women's shelters. Austin Homeless Strategies and Operations chose not to renew its contract with Urban Alchemy for operations at these shelter locations.

The contract with Urban Alchemy ended September 30, 2025. To mitigate the disruption of critical services at the downtown homeless shelters, Austin Homeless Strategies and Operations executed an emergency contract with Family Endeavor.