

# City of Austin

# **Recommendation for Action**

## File #: 25-0178, Agenda Item #: 21.

2/27/2025

### Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of agreements with seven agencies to implement grant deliverables for the Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Grant Program to provide services to people living with HIV for an initial term through February 28, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$4,995,806 divided among the seven agencies, with two 12-month extension options for each agency, for a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$15,749,278. Funding: \$4,995,806 is available in the Austin Public Health Department's Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund. Funding for the remaining years of the agreements is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

#### Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

#### Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$4,995,806 is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Austin Public Health Department's Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund. Funding for the remaining years of the agreements is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

#### For More Information:

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#### Additional Backup Information:

This action will authorize the negotiation and execution of new social services agreements with seven agencies to ensure access to primary medical care and critical support services necessary to maintain individuals in the system of HIV-care. These agreements were awarded through a Request for Proposals (RFP) SSAU-2024-004 Ryan White Part A, Minority AIDS Initiative, and General Funds. The RFP was released on November 6, 2024, and proposals were due December 6, 2024. Optional pre-bid meetings took place on November 12, 2024, and November 13, 2024.

Austin Public Health sent solicitations to over 800 vendors and received seven proposals, all of which are recommended for award. The RFP evaluation process set criteria for uniform review of all applications by a separate and independent panel. An evaluation panel comprised of individuals with education and expertise in the given issue area rated each application. Evaluators agreed on the strengths and weaknesses of each application, and each application received a resultant score based on this process. The criteria for evaluation included the following: fiscal and administrative capacity, experience, and cultural competence and racial equity, program design and performance metrics, data-informed program management, and cost effectiveness.

Agency Name	Award	Not to Exceed
	Amount	

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ASHWell	\$439,265	\$1,384,783
AIDS Services of Austin d/b/a Vivent	\$1,364,172	\$4,300,552
Austin Travis County Mental Health & Mental Retardation Center, d/b/a Integral Care	\$457,753	\$1,443,066
Central Texas Community Health Centers d/b/a Community Care	\$1,643,876	\$5,182,319
Community Action	\$68,821	\$216,958
Project Transitions	\$180,244	\$568,219
Texas Health Action d/b/a Kind Clinic	\$841,675	\$2,653,380
Total	\$4,995,806	\$15,749,278