



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 25-0025, **Agenda Item #:** 51.

1/30/2025

### Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Caritas of Austin to provide permanent supportive housing services to individuals experiencing homelessness for an initial eight-month term, from February 1, 2025 - September 30, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 with four 12-month extension options each in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$2,500,000. Funding: \$500,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Homeless Strategy Office Social Services Budget. Additional funding is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### Lead Department

Homeless Strategy Office.

### Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$500,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Homeless Strategy Office Social Services Budget. Additional funding is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### For More Information:

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### Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize the Homeless Strategy Office to negotiate and execute an agreement with Caritas of Austin (Caritas) from February 1, 2025 - September 30, 2025, to provide permanent supportive housing (PSH) and supportive services at Libertad Austin (Libertad), a housing development in northeast Austin.

Caritas is an Austin-based non-profit organization that has served and operated in the community since 1964. Caritas of Austin provides various homelessness programs which include PSH, rapid rehousing (RRH), behavioral health services, and food, education, and employment assistance.

Libertad is a supportive housing community for families transitioning out of homelessness. This agreement will provide PSH funding for 25 units to serve families by providing case management, peer support, employment and food assistance, and connection to mental and physical health services. Caritas, serving as the lead service provider, will administer services to residents.