



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 25-0760, **Agenda Item #:** 23.

5/8/2025

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the agreement with Caritas of Austin to provide permanent supportive housing to individuals experiencing homelessness, to add two 12-month extension options beginning October 1, 2025, at no additional cost to the City. This item has no fiscal impact.

### **Lead Department**

Homeless Strategy Office.

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **Prior Council Action:**

May 20, 2021: Council approved the negotiation and execution of an agreement with Caritas of Austin on an 11-0 vote.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

Approval of this item will authorize Amendment No. 4 to the Espero at Rutland Permanent Supportive Housing Program agreement with Caritas of Austin to add two 12-month extension option beginning on October 1, 2025. Espero at Rutland is a site-based permanent supportive housing (PSH) program providing housing to individuals who have experienced chronic homelessness. The goal of the program is to move individuals into housing quickly without any preconditions. The program provides support to ensure that clients do not return to homelessness, increase household income, and increase households that receive mainstream benefits. Throughout the course of their contract, Caritas has helped 148 unduplicated clients to date this year. If authorization of Amendment No. 4 is not approved, it will limit the Homeless Strategy Office's ability to provide permanent supportive housing services.

Amendment No. 3 modified program exhibits and exercised the second extension option in the amount of \$500,000 for the period of October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025.

Amendment No. 2 exercised the first extension option in the amount of \$500,000 for the period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024.

Amendment No. 1 modified program exhibits for the period of June 1, 2021 to September 30, 2023.

The original agreement was approved for a term of 15 months ending on September 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 with two 12-month extension options each in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$2,200,000.

