



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2684, **Agenda Item #:** 38.

8/31/2023

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the agreement with Family Eldercare, Inc. for renovating the Pecan Gardens (formerly known as Candlewood Suites) located at 10811 Pecan Park Boulevard, Austin, Texas, to extend the term of the agreement to March 31, 2024, and provide for an additional extension of the term if needed.

Lead Department

Housing Department.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

May 19, 2022 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of a one-year contract with Family Eldercare, Inc. to fund renovations at the Candlewood Suites located at 10811 Pecan Park Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78750, a hotel conversion project to create permanent supportive housing, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,903,216.13.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

If approved, the Housing Department will be authorized to negotiate and execute an amendment to the agreement with Family Eldercare, Inc. (Family Eldercare) to renovate the Pecan Gardens (formerly known as Candlewood Suites) located at 10811 Pecan Park Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78750 to extend the term of the agreement to March 31, 2024, and to provide for an additional extension of the term if needed. On commencement of renovations, Family Eldercare discovered significant issues with the structure of the building, including mold, drainage, and fireproofing issues, which will require more time to complete the renovations.

Family Eldercare is overseeing the renovation of Candlewood Suites to convert it into a 78-unit permanent supportive housing project. The site design and renovation will be grounded in active design strategies for aging in place and with a focus on amenities that are responsive to the needs of a chronically homeless resident population. The renovation budget includes items such as hotel rooms converted into office space for supportive services staff, lobby redesign to promote security and community gathering, and outdoor space revitalization and landscape architecture to encourage socialization and provide space for group activities or solitary enjoyment.

Following the rehabilitation of the property, Family Eldercare will operate the facility. This project will include 78 fully furnished efficiency apartments. Each apartment will contain one bed. Potential residents will be referred through the Ending Community Homelessness Coalition Coordinated Entry System. Eligible individuals will be

single adults with a documented history of chronic homelessness and a disabling condition. This is a permanent resident site where individuals will receive a yearly lease to live in the facility. To ensure that individuals have access to the right level of care to support their recovery and maintain housing, Family Eldercare will provide onsite support services, including case management, service coordination, living skills training, housing stability support, assistance accessing basic needs, and community building activities.