



Legislation Text

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Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with United Way for Greater Austin to administer emergency childcare and family support services related to the American Rescue Plan Act, for a term of three years in an amount not to exceed \$3,513,000.

(Note: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Economic Development Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available from the U.S. Department of Treasury, American Rescue Plan.

Purchasing Language:

Professional Service.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The contractor will administer emergency childcare and family support services in Austin/Travis County by providing critical support to children, childcare programs, and families with young children, using Local Fiscal Recovery Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The contract will support the following programs: Pre-K Partnership; Home-Based Childcare; Non-Traditional Childcare; Share Services; Family Connects; ConnectATX; 2-1-1; Parenting Students; Summer Learning Loss; Summer and Afterschool Programming Quality.

Resolution No. 20210610-077, approved by Council on June 10, 2021, confirms Council's intent to use a portion of the City's federal ARPA allocation to accomplish the recommendations of the Success by Six (SX6) Coalition Strategic Plan presented in the following documents:

- a. Transforming the ATX Early Childhood System
- b. Del Valle Independent School District Pre-K Access
- c. Family Connects
- d. Austin Independent School District Supplemental
- e. United Way: Rebuilding Systems: Investments in Shovel-Ready Project

Through this contract the contractor will:

- Implement recommendations from the SX6 Coalition Strategic Plan documents listed above and achieve several strategies from the City's Strategic Direction 2023: Economic Opportunity and Affordability Strategies 10 and 11; Health and Environment Strategies 2 and 7.
- Strengthen the local early childhood system, which continues to be negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and provide resource navigation, support for parents and families, and address educational disparities among school-age children.
- Support community-based childcare.
- Increase the number of children with access to public Pre-K; strengthen and scale efforts that increase the supply and quality of home-based childcare; implement non-traditional childcare programs.
- Create a Shared Services Alliance serving 40 childcare providers to strengthen the childcare sector's capacity; evaluate the implementation of Family Connects.
- Expand the capacity of ConnectATX and 2-1-1 to be responsive to the increased need for resource and service navigation; provide support to parenting students.

Provide high-intensity tutoring and literacy- and language-enrichment support to students to prevent summer learning loss; improve the quality of school-age childcare services for elementary-age children from families with low income and more.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability, Health and Environment.