



Legislation Text

File #: 22-5395, **Version:** 1

Department: County Administration

Department Head/Elected Official: David Berry

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Contract - Amendment

Project ID (if applicable): pending

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): The Alliance for Multicultural Community Services

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable): N/A

Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: N/A - Goal not applicable to request

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request by the Office of County Administration for approval of an amendment to the rental assistance (ERA1) agreement with The Alliance to extend the term and provide \$29,516 to continue case management services for the Houston-Harris County Emergency Rental Assistance Program, funded by reallocation of U.S. Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance funds from other jurisdictions.

Background and Discussion:

In January 2021, the U.S. Treasury Department established the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) program to provide funding to state and local governments to assist eligible renter households impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, funded via the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021. Commissioners Court established the 2021 Houston-Harris County Emergency Rental Assistance Program on February 9, 2021, in collaboration with the City of Houston. The program administrators are BakerRipley, Catholic Charities, and The Alliance.

Commissioners Court approved the ERA1 contract with The Alliance in March 2022, which currently provides for application processing, rental assistance disbursement, and case management services through September 30, 2022. Case management services include outreach to tenants and landlords in eviction proceedings at the Justice of the Peace courts, application assistance, and resource referrals. In August 2022, the U.S. Dept. of the Treasury extended the grant term for ERA1 reallocated funds to December 29, 2022. This amendment will allow The Alliance to (1) process applications and disburse all remaining rental assistance funds throughout the grant term and (2) continue providing case management services through this period.

Expected Impact:

This amendment will align The Alliance's ERA1 agreement with the grant term. This amendment will also provide case management services to support eligible Harris County tenants in active eviction proceedings through the end of the grant term. Funding for this amendment will be fully provided by the U.S. Dept. of the Treasury CAA ERA1 Funds.

Alternative Options: N/A

Alignment with Goal(s):

- ☐ Justice and Safety
- ☒ Economic Opportunity
- ☒ Housing
- ☒ Public Health
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Flooding
- ☐ Environment
- ☐ Governance and Customer Service

Prior Court Action (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
3/08/2022	22-1722	Approval of ERA1 Contract with The Alliance
5/24/2022	22-3167	First amendment of ERA1 Contract with The Alliance
8/23/2022	22-4779	Amendment to extend ERA1 Treasury agreement end date

Location:

Address (if applicable):

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary

Service Name	Emergency Rental Assistance		
	SFY 22	FY 23	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$	\$29,516	\$
Total Incremental Expenditures	\$	\$29,516	\$
Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Existing Budget			
Grant	\$	\$29,516	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$29,516	\$
Additional Budget Requested			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
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Total Additional Budget Requested	\$	\$	\$
Total Funding Sources	\$	\$29,516	\$
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)			
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: September 13th, 2022

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date):

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: COVID-19 related item

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Attachments (if applicable): Contract amendment to follow