



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 21-1390, **Agenda Item #:** 51.

3/25/2021

### Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Equidad ATX to provide access to affordable groceries, health and wellness, and financial literacy resources to underserved communities for a 12-month term through March 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, with one 12-month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$650,000.

### Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

### Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$400,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### Prior Council Action:

August 12, 2020 - City Council approved an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General Fund to allocate funds for a program to address the social determinants of health by bringing convenient and consistent access to affordable groceries, health and wellness resources, financial literacy resources, and other services to underserved communities in Austin, on an 11-0 vote

### For More Information:

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### Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute an agreement with Equidad ATX to provide access to affordable groceries, health and wellness, and financial literacy resources to underserved communities for a twelve-month term through March 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, with one 12-month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$650,000.

On August 12, 2020, City Council approved an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General Fund to allocate an amount not to exceed \$150,000 in one-time funds and \$250,000 in ongoing funds for a program to address the social determinants of health by bringing convenient and consistent access to affordable groceries, health and wellness resources, financial literacy resources, and other services to underserved communities in Austin.

Equidad ATX will retrofit a bus donated by Capital Metro to convert it to a mobile resource hub and will support the coordination of other community partners to provide supplemental resources to meet service gaps in underserved areas. The program will serve to augment, not replace, investments in food access programs in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget. The program intends to serve Northeast and Southeast Austin and Travis County using a sliding scale as appropriate.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment.