



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 26-2553, **Agenda Item #:** 57.

9/24/2026

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the agreement with American Gateways to provide legal services, to add one 12-month extension option for the term ending September 30, 2027, to increase the amount by \$378,000 for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$3,414,505. Funding: \$378,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating Budget of Austin Public Health. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$378,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating Budget of Austin Public Health. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Prior Council Action:

October 23, 2025 - Council authorized the negotiation and execution of an amendment to an agreement with American Gateways to provide legal services, to add one-time funding in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the 12-month term ending on September 30, 2026, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$3,036,505 approved on consent on a 9-0 vote. Council Member Harper Madison was off the dais. Mayor Pro Tem Fuentes was absent.

August 28, 2025 - Council authorized the negotiation and execution of an amendment to the agreement with American Gateways to provide legal services, to add one 12-month extension option ending on September 30, 2026, and add funding in an amount not to exceed \$420,000, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$2,886,505 approved on consent on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Qadri absent.

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 12 to an agreement with American Gateways to stabilize the immigration status of detained and non-detained immigrants by providing screenings, consultations, group information sessions, workshops, pro se assistance and legal representation. The program's City Business Plan goal is for clients to obtain and maintain public benefits as a result of receiving services through this Health Equity Social Service Contract. This program addresses key community needs identified in Austin Public Health's Community Health Assessment.

The agreement was renewed from 2018 to 2026, including Amendment No. 1 through 11.

On March 22, 2018, the Council approved an agreement with American Gateways to provide immigration legal services and deportation defense, in the amount of \$135,000 for an initial term from April 1, 2018 to March 31,

2019, with four 12-month extension options. Funding for the agreement included \$60,000 in annual funding as well as \$75,000 in one-time funding for the initial term.

Term	Extension Options	Agreement Change Amount	Total Agreement Amount	Not to Exceed Amount
Initial	N/A	N/A	\$135,000	\$375,000
Amendment 1	1 / 4	\$210,000	\$345,000	\$975,000
Amendment 2	2 / 4	\$210,000	\$555,000	\$975,000
Amendment 3	3 / 4	\$420,000	\$975,000	\$1,815,000
Amendment 4	4 / 4	\$420,000	\$1,395,000	\$1,815,000
Amendment 5	5 / 5	\$420,000	\$1,815,000	\$1,815,000
Amendment 6	N/A	\$21,505	\$1,836,505	\$1,836,505
Amendment 7	N/A	\$210,000	\$2,046,505	\$2,046,505
Amendment 8	6 / 6	\$420,000	\$2,466,505	\$2,466,505
Amendment 9	7 / 7	\$420,000	\$2,886,505	\$2,886,505
Amendment 10	N/A	\$150,000	\$3,036,505	\$3,036,505
Amendment 11	N/A	-\$57,000	\$2,979,505	\$3,036,505
Proposed Amendment 12	8/8	\$378,000	\$3,357,505	\$3,414,505