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Michael R. Lofton
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Dear Director Lofton,

The City of Austin and Austin Public Health (APH) sincerely appreciate your organization's partnership and the meaningful work you do to identify and address needs and service gaps within the Austin–Travis County community. Your commitment to serving residents with care and integrity has been invaluable.

This letter serves as a reminder and formal notice that the Social Services Agreement for the **BDGP Harvest Trauma Recovery Center/Harvest Trauma Recovery Center** program (**Master Agreement No. 4700 NG230000078**) will not be renewed for FY26–27 and will expire effective **September 30, 2026**. As previously communicated, there are no remaining extension options available for this Agreement.

The City will compensate your organization for services performed and obligations incurred prior to the expiration date, up to the contracted budget amount for the program period of **October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026**.

As outlined in Section 4.2.4 of your Social Services Agreement, your organization is required to complete a **Contract Closeout Summary Report** and submit it through the PartnerGrants system within **60 calendar days** following the Agreement's expiration. Additionally, Section 9.4 of Exhibit B.3 – Compensation Terms requires that any **final payment** under the Agreement be billed to the City **no later than 5 business days before** the due date of the Contract Closeout Summary Report. Please contact your City Contract Manager if you have any questions regarding the closeout process or final payment requirements.

Austin Public Health is grateful for the partnership we have shared and applauds the important services your organization has provided to the clients and communities you serve. We appreciate your continued dedication to improving the well-being of Austin residents.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Akeshia Johnson Smothers', is positioned above the typed name.

Sincerely,
Akeshia Johnson Smothers
Social Services Agreements Administration Manager
Austin Public Health
City of Austin



March 11th, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

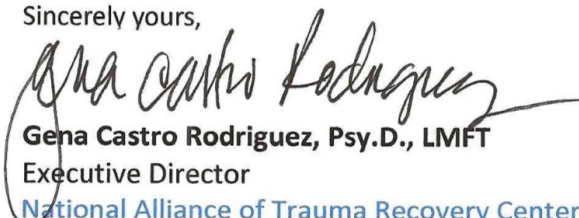
The National Alliance of Trauma Recovery Centers (NATRC) is pleased to present this letter of support for Harvest Trauma Recovery Center's funding solicitation. Under the leadership of African American Youth Harvest Foundation (AAYHF) CEO and Founder Mr. Michael Lofton and Harvest TRC Clinical Director Dr. Calvin Kelly, the Harvest Trauma Recovery Center (HTRC) has become a critical component of safety net services for survivors of violence in Austin, Texas.

The UCSF Trauma Recovery Center (TRC) opened in 2001 as a four-year demonstration project to develop and test a comprehensive model of care designed to remove barriers to healing after violence, in recognition that many victims of interpersonal violence from underserved communities do not receive the help they need after a trauma. By combining assertive outreach, case management, and evidence-based therapies, TRCs provide wraparound, high-quality, healing-centered care to underserved communities. The results of a randomized clinical trial established that the TRC model is both clinically and cost-effective. Currently, the National Alliance of Trauma Recovery Centers includes 52 TRCs in 12 states across the U.S., with additional states planning to implement the model.

The NATRC's Technical Assistance Program supports new and developing TRCs, and has been working in close partnership with Harvest TRC over the last year. From the start, HTRC has demonstrated a strong commitment to the core elements of the TRC model and has drawn upon AAYHF's deep roots in the community to reach underserved survivors of interpersonal violence that often fall through the cracks of traditional victim services. HTRC staff provide compassionate, culturally-responsive, data-driven, high quality care to survivors of violent crime and their families. In the three and half months since first opening their doors to serve clients, they have been overwhelmingly successful at engaging survivors into their TRC services, exceeding their annual goal by 32%. It is clear that HTRC will need additional resources and funding to meet the needs of the community they serve without having to compromise their commitment to quality care and treatment, and to maintain accessibility.

We are proud to support Harvest Trauma Recovery Center's request for sustainable funding. If you have any questions, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,



Gena Castro Rodriguez, Psy.D., LMFT
Executive Director

[National Alliance of Trauma Recovery Centers](#)

UCSF Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences



Michael Lofton,
President, African American Youth Harvest Foundation

Re: Letter of Support for The African American Youth Harvest Foundation (AAYHF) and The
Harvest Trauma Recovery Center (HTRC)

Mr. Lofton,

On behalf of the City Administration for the City of Manor, my staff and I will work closely with Mayor Harvey and the City Council to identify the needs of our residents and support initiatives that will positively impact families in the community. We have committed ourselves to working closely with the other units of government in the region and the Manor school district to support programs that improve the quality of life for our children and their families.

The organization is committed to supporting outreach programming initiatives and wants to offer our support for the African American Youth Harvest Foundation (AAYHF) and the Harvest Trauma Recovery Center (HTRC). These organizations have established a special approach and principled mindset supporting individuals and families impacted by trauma, addressing systemic inequities, and increasing access to basic services for those living in the community.

The need for trauma recovery and mental wellness services continues to grow dramatically for those young men and women affected by generational poverty, the judicial system, and limited access to the basic goods and services made available through the different outreach community programs.

You and your team have done an outstanding job operating an annual budget designed to support a small number of clients, but have expanded your organization's reach to assist several hundred youth weekly. Under your leadership, you have demonstrated the level of care and concern for the current generation of youth that is unmatched and appreciated. Continue to illustrate your commitment to addressing:

- Mental Health
- Afterschool programs
- Nutrition/healthy food choices
- Financial literacy
- Career Preparedness/workforce

In closing, our organization supports the expansion of services into a new, larger Community-Based Wellness Center located at the Blake Manor Road property. We offer support for AAYHF and HTRC and will encourage other professionals in the community and region to expand their networks and volunteer their time to help your organization achieve its goals.

Sincerely,

Scott Moore
City Manager



Manor Independent School District

Superintendent's Office

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To Whom It May Concern:

We, the undersigned, are proud to express our unwavering support for the African American Youth Harvest Foundation (AAYHF) and the Harvest Trauma Recovery Center (HTRC) in their efforts to implement the **Community Driven Impact Project**.

This transformative initiative will address critical community health needs in Central Texas, particularly in the areas of mental health and wraparound support services. The project's comprehensive approach, including transportation, housing, food security, clinical care (both physical and mental health), childcare, clothing, and legal advocacy, is designed to meet the complex and interconnected challenges faced by vulnerable populations in our region.

The work of AAYHF and HTRC is vital to our community. Their programs not only fill critical gaps in services but also empower individuals and families to overcome systemic barriers and achieve sustainable well-being. Through their holistic and culturally relevant approach, AAYHF and HTRC have consistently demonstrated measurable impact, fostering resilience and stability for countless Central Texas residents.

We believe that the support of this project will lead to significant and lasting change in our community. By scaling their programs and expanding their reach, AAYHF and HTRC can ensure the sustainability of these critical services for years to come.

I have firsthand seen how these groups have served our community during a recent tragedy at one of our campuses. Without hesitation, their staff deployed to support, not only our children, but our staff through the most traumatic experience imaginable.

As partners and advocates, we stand in full support of this initiative and encourage your investment in this life-changing work. Together, we can address the pressing needs of our community and create a healthier, more equitable future for all.

Thank you for your consideration of this vital project.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert Sormani,
Superintendent of Manor ISD
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