

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 13P20-0161 DIRECTIONS HOME FY2021 HOMELESSNESS OBJECTIVE SC CMO

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of Agreements with Listed Public Service Agencies in an Amount Up to \$2,215,678.00 for the Continuation of Directions Home Initiatives and Authorize Three Renewal Options in a Combined Amount Up to \$8,870,736.00

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute agreements with agencies listed below in a combined amount up to \$2,215,678.00 for a term commencing October 1, 2020 and terminating September 30, 2021 for the continuation of Directions Home initiatives;
2. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to renew the agreements for Fiscal Years 2022, 2023 and 2024 with the agencies listed below in a combined amount of up to \$8,870,736.00 for the continuation of Directions Home initiatives and dependent on funds being appropriated for Directions Home initiatives; and
3. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to amend the agreements if necessary to achieve program goals provided the amendment is within the scope of the program and in compliance with City policies and applicable laws and regulations.

DISCUSSION:

The City Manager's Directions Home Division approached the Purchasing Division to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking Firms to: 1) increase or maintain permanent supportive housing; 2) quickly house people in permanent housing; or 3) improve overall system capacity. The RFP consisted of specifications explaining the need for various housing programs and overall improvement of the homeless system. Proposals were scored based on the strength of the proposed program, program performance, outcomes and quality, organizational capacity of the agency, and budget. The RFP was advertised in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* on June 10, June 17, June 24, July 1 and July 8, 2020. The City closed the RFP on July 9, 2020. The City received 17 responses. Staff from the Directions Home Division and Neighborhood Services Department evaluated the proposals and found the below listed firms to be experienced and well equipped to perform the needed services.

A waiver of the goal M/WBE subcontracting requirement is approved by the Office of Business Diversity, in accordance with the M/WBE or BDE ordinance, because the purchase of goods or services is from sources where subcontracting or supplier opportunities are negligible.

Any renewals are contingent on funds being appropriated.

City staff recommends awarding agreements to the listed agencies in the amounts listed below:

Agencies impacted by a decrease in funding will be notified as soon as practicable.

Directions Home services and programs are available in ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

Program	Description	Agency	Funding FY 21
Case Management for Permanent Supportive Housing Clients	Assisting clients in setting and fulfilling goals such as health, education, employment, housing stability for approximately 150 permanent supportive housing clients	My Health, My Resources of Tarrant County (MHMR)	Up to \$432,000.00
Case Management for Permanent Supportive Housing Clients	Case Management for Permanent Supportive Housing	Day Resource Center for the Homeless d/b/a DRC Solutions	Up to \$200,977.00

	Clients Assisting clients in setting and fulfilling goals such as health, education, employment, housing stability for approximately 75 permanent supportive housing clients		
Rental Assistance and Administration for Permanent Supportive Housing Clients	Provide rental assistance (which is the difference between Fair Market Rent and the client's 30% contribution of income, if applicable) to landlords of up to 20 permanent supportive housing clients;	Housing Authority of the City of Fort Worth dba Fort Worth Housing Solutions	Up to \$250,000.00
Mental Health Services for Permanent Supportive Housing Clients	Focus on housing stability by addressing addiction, mental health, social, coping skills and other adjustment difficulties;	My Health, My Resources of Tarrant County (MHMR)	Up to \$172,000.00
Rapid Rehousing	Maximize state and federal rapid rehousing rental assistance funds by funding case management for rapid rehousing clients	SafeHaven of Tarrant County	Up to \$103,124.00
Rapid Rehousing	Maximize state and federal rapid rehousing rental assistance funds by funding case management for rapid rehousing clients	Center for Transforming Lives	Up to \$167,418.00
Rapid Exit/Diversion/Shallow Subsidies	Housing funds to allow people to quickly exit homelessness into housing	The Presbyterian Night Shelter of Tarrant County, Inc.	Up to \$400,000.00
Cold Weather Overflow Emergency Shelter Operations	Provide additional emergency	Day Resource Center for the Homless d/b/a	Up to \$150,000.00

	shelter beds on weather trigger nights;	DRC Solutions	
Critical Documents Clerk and Funding	Produce documents necessary for housing and employment for clients experiencing homelessness;	Day Resource Center for the Homeless d/b/a DRC Solutions	Up to \$150,000.00
Direct Client Services Fund	Provide one time funds to quickly divert or rapidly exit households from the homeless system	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	Up to \$72,000.00
Mobile Navigators	Reduce the length of time homeless by assisting assigned clients with unit location and gathering documentation for clients at the top of the permanent supportive and rapid rehousing lists	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	Up to \$33,668.00
Continuum of Care Support	Planning and data reporting for Continuum of Care	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	Up to \$84,491.00

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget by the City Council, funds will be available in the Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget, as appropriated, in the General Fund. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the City Manager's Office has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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