

Mayor and Council Communication

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SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of Contract with Day Resource Center for the Homeless Doing Business as DRC Solutions for Up to \$150,000.00 for Street Outreach and Find that the Contract Serves a Public Purpose and that Adequate Controls are in Place

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute contracts with Day Resource Center for the Homeless doing business as DRC Solutions for a total contract amount of up to \$150,000.00 for street outreach services;
 2. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to amend, extend, and renew the contracts as needed to achieve program goals provided that the amendment(s) is within the scope of the program and in compliance with City policies and applicable laws and regulations;
 3. Find that the contracts, including amendments and renewals, serve a public purpose and that adequate controls are in place.
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DISCUSSION:

For the past four years, the City of Fort Worth has contracted with Tarrant County Homeless Coalition, which was recently renamed Partnership Home, and provided funding for mobile navigation services. Partnership Home was able to use this funding as a match for Continuum of Care funding which added funding to the local homeless system while providing mobile navigation services. Partnership Home subcontracted with DRC Solutions to pay partial salaries of two to four mobile navigators. Partnership Home no longer needs City funds as a match to Continuum of Care funding, and the City would like to contract directly with DRC Solutions to continue mobile navigation services.

The mobile navigation services provided are now known as "outreach" – primarily working with unsheltered individuals to document their living situation in order to establish chronicity, explore diversion or rapid exit possibilities, assist in obtaining identification documents and documentation of disability as needed. Outreach workers who are embedded with the Homeless Outreach Program and Enforcement (HOPE) teams, Fire and Police, currently work on these tasks.

In the past four years, this outreach team of two to four mobile navigators has connected more than two thousand people experiencing unsheltered homelessness with homeless system resources and has been able get 294 of those individuals out of unsheltered homelessness and into housing through various programs.

This project was approved for a waiver per the Chapter 252 exemption, as Professional Service by the Legal Department. Therefore, the business equity goal requirement is not applicable.

Funding is budgeted in the Other Contractual Services account within the General Fund for the Neighborhood Services Department.

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

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the recommendations, funds are available in the current operating budget, as previously appropriated, in the General Fund. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the City Manager's Office and Neighborhood Services Department have the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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