



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: JUNE 1, 2021

FROM: OFFICE OF HOMELESS SOLUTIONS WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT 2019-2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND THIRD AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CITY NET DBA KINGDOM CAUSES FOR THE USE OF \$413,945.58 OF EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT CARES ACT FUNDS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SAFETY AND ENGAGEMENT TEAM OUTREACH SERVICES FOR A 12-MONTH PERIOD WITH THE OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD – REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 1926

ISSUE:

Approval of an amendment to the City of Riverside United States Department of Housing and Urban Development 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan and Third Amendment to Professional Consultant Services Agreement with City Net DBA Kingdom Causes for \$413,945.58 of Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act funds to provide Public Safety and Engagement Team Outreach Service for a 12-month period with the option to extend for one (1) additional one (1) year period under Request for Proposal 1926.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve an amendment to the City of Riverside United States Department of Housing and Urban Development 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan to reallocate \$413,945.58 of Emergency Solution Grant CARES Act funding from homeless prevention to outreach services;
2. Approve the Third Amendment to Professional Consultant Services Agreement with City Net DBA Kingdom Causes for \$413,945.58 of Emergency Solutions Grant funds to provide Public Safety and Engagement Team Outreach Service for a 12-month period with the option to extend for one additional one year period under Request for Proposal 1926; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Third Amendment to Professional Consultant Services Agreement with City Net DBA Kingdom Causes, including making minor and non-substantive changes and contract extensions.

BACKGROUND:

On April 2, 2020, the City of Riverside was awarded \$968,672 of Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act (ESG-CV) funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic among individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance; and to support additional homeless assistance and homeless prevention activities to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. On May 26, 2020, the City Council approved allocating the ESG-CV funding towards the following activities:

- Homeless Prevention: \$420,000.00
- Rapid Re-Housing: \$214,988.80
- Outreach Services: \$105,500.00
- Emergency Shelter Operations: \$131,316.00
- Administration: \$ 96,867.20

Due to the overwhelming federal resources being allocated toward the Rental Assistance Program to assist renters with past due rent and utilities and the rent eviction moratorium being extended to June 30, 2021, HUD has strongly encouraged grantees to reallocate funding from homeless prevention to other ESG eligible activities such as outreach services or shelter services.

The City's outreach services are provided by the following teams:

- *Riverside Access Center Homeless Outreach Team*: Responds to 311 calls related to homeless services and provides case management to homeless individuals seeking assistance at the Access Center; and
- *Public Safety and Engagement Team (PSET)*: Responds to 311 calls related to homeless encampments and areas where encampments are being established or known to exist.

The City procured City Net on January 22, 2020 under Request for Proposal 1926 for PSET Outreach Services using Measure Z funding. The contract allowed for a one-year term, with two options to extend for additional one-year terms. The contract was amended on June 25, 2020 to increase the annual compensation to \$508,270 to add two additional outreach workers funded with State COVID-19 Emergency Homeless funding. On August 30, 2020, the contract was amended to modify the compensation to include \$267,217.36 of CARES Act funding.

During FY 2019-2020, PSET Outreach Services had 8,181 engagements (duplicates), which 118 were referred to emergency shelters, 17 to sheltered temporary situations, 7 to institutional situations, two were linked to rental units with subsidy and one with no subsidy, and 15 obtained permanent housing.

DISCUSSION:

Staff is recommending reallocating \$413,945.58 of ESG-CV grant funds, originally allocated to homeless prevention, to outreach services for continued PSET Outreach Services contracted through City Net for an additional year. City Net will continue operating two outreach services teams during the COVID-19 pandemic and connecting homeless individuals to shelters or other available housing services. The contract will also provide funding for family reunifications and trip homes when homeless individuals who have been displaced want to be reunited with family or programs in other communities.

The Purchasing Manager concurs that the recommendation to approve the Third Amendment is in compliance with Purchasing Resolution No. 23256.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact of this recommendation is \$419,945.58. The funds are budgeted and available in the Development Grant Funds 19/20 ESG CARES Account No. 9170300-440110.

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availability of funds: Edward Enriquez, Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer
Approved by: Moises Lopez, Deputy City Manager
Approved as to form: Kristi J. Smith, Interim City Attorney

Attachment: Third Amendment to Professional Consultant Services Agreement with
City Net DBA Kingdom Causes