

January 16, 2024

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary including subgrants or subsequent amendments to amend Contract No. 36164 with Family Promise of the South Bay, of Torrance, CA; Contract No. 36166 Illumination Foundation, of Orange, CA; Contract No. 36176 Mental Health America of Los Angeles, of Long Beach, CA; and Contract No. 36167 People Assisting the Homeless of Los Angeles, CA, to provide intensive case management services for individuals and families who are matched with Emergency Housing Vouchers through the Long Beach Coordinated Entry System, to increase the annual aggregate amount by \$2,500,000, for a revised amount not to exceed \$7,500,000, and to extend the term of the contracts to December 31, 2024, at the discretion of the City Manager. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

City Council approval is requested to amend the contracts to extend the term and add funds for the third round of funding with Family Promise of the South Bay (Family Promise), Illumination Foundation, Mental Health America of Los Angeles (Mental Health America), and People Assisting the Homeless (PATH), to provide intensive case management services for individuals and families who are matched with Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) through the Long Beach Coordinated Entry System. The City of Long Beach (City) Housing Authority was awarded 582 EHV's as authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The EHV's are provided to assist individuals and families who are (1) homeless, (2) at risk of homelessness, (3) fleeing, or attempting to flee, from domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, or (4) recently homeless. The federal distribution of EHV's have no supportive services attached; therefore, the Department of Health and Human Services released Request for Proposals (RFP) HSB-2021-003 for the procurement of intensive case management services to provide comprehensive support for program participants who are matched with an EHV to obtain permanent housing and other wraparound services.

On November 9, 2021, the City Council awarded contracts in an amount not to exceed \$1,533,320 for the first round of funding to Family Promise, Illumination Foundation, Mental Health America, and PATH, to provide intensive case management services for individuals and families who are matched with EHV's through the Long Beach Coordinated Entry System. Homeless Housing Assistance Prevention (HHAP) grant funding was used to fund the initial contracts. Sufficient grant funds were not available at the time to contract the entire award amount publicized on RFP No. HSB-2021-003. The initial contract term ran from December 1,

2021 to December 1, 2022. An annual renewal option was utilized, extending the contracts to December 1, 2023, and bringing the sum total of all contracts to \$3,066,640. On January 17, 2023, the City Council approved an additional \$1,933,360 for a total aggregate amount of \$5,000,000, through the HUD-HOME grant to fully fund agencies as awarded in RFP No. HSB-2021-003, with the option to renew for an additional one-year period.

The third round of grant funds will be derived through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's HUD-HOME and HHAP grant sources for an annual aggregate amount not to exceed \$2,500,000, for a total aggregate amount of \$7,500,000, for all agencies contracted to provide intensive case management services. The City reserves the discretion to amend the subcontracts awarded through this agreement contingent upon satisfactory performance, availability of funds, demonstrated need, and project outcomes.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Anita Lakhani and Purchasing Agent Michelle Wilson on December 11, 2023, and by Budget Analysis Officer Greg Sorensen on December 27, 2023.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action to amend Contract numbers 36164, 36166, 36176, and 36167 is requested on January 16, 2024, to ensure there is no interruption of services.

EQUITY STATEMENT

The City has incorporated the Equity Toolkit and strategies outlined in the Everyone Home Long Beach plan into this recommendation as requested by the City Council by increasing the shelter inventory in Long Beach. The recommendation will assist people experiencing homelessness in Long Beach who are at increased vulnerability by providing interim housing services in a Housing-First model.

FISCAL IMPACT

The requested action increases the annual aggregate amount by \$2,500,000. The total aggregate amount of the contracts will not exceed \$7,500,000. This will be offset by grant revenue from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development made available through the HUD-HOME and HHAP grants. As lead agency to administer homeless services grants across the Long Beach Continuum of Care (CoC), program expenses incurred by the Department of Health and Human Services are being transferred to the Community Development Department on a quarterly basis where the HUD-HOME funding is currently appropriated. Sufficient funds are currently appropriated in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department and the Community Development Grants Fund Group in the Community Development Department. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. The selected vendors for the intensive case management services Programs employ a total of eight individuals that reside in the City of Long Beach.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



Alison King
Acting Director
Health and Human Services

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER