

September 10, 2024

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to adopt Specifications No. RFP HE-24-355 and award a contract to Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse, of Los Angeles, CA, for providing increased harm reduction and substance use disorder treatment services available to the Long Beach community, in a total annual amount not to exceed \$150,000, for a period of two years, with the option to renew for three additional one-year periods, at the discretion of the City Manager; and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into the contract, including any necessary subsequent amendments. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

City Council approval is requested to enter into a contract with Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse (LA CADA) to increase harm reduction and substance use disorder treatment services available in Long Beach with a focus on North Long Beach and neighboring areas that currently have limited access to preventive health services. The program is designed to address critical public health needs by achieving four primary objectives: 1) increasing access to life-saving harm reduction materials such as Naloxone, sterile syringes, and test strips; 2) providing comprehensive educational resources on opioid use and overdose prevention; 3) facilitating access to Substance Use Disorder treatment services; and 4) ensuring linkage to essential HIV testing, STI screening, and treatment services.

This program is an extension of the existing Harm Reduction Distribution Program under the HIV Syndemic Policy Program, with the overarching goal of mitigating the risks associated with substance use, including overdose, death, and the transmission of STIs, including HIV. Long Beach has experienced a rise in opioid-related overdoses, with over 1,000 cases and more than 300 deaths in the last five years. The program has already made a significant impact, distributing over 1,800 doses of Naloxone, 5,000 fentanyl test strips, and 4,000 Xylazine test strips since January 2024, alongside reversing three opioid overdoses through Naloxone administration. The expansion of these services is crucial to further reduce the incidence of opioid-related harm and to provide much-needed support to vulnerable populations in our city.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) was advertised in the Long Beach Press-Telegram on March 7, 2024, and 502 potential proposers specializing in service category were notified of the RFP opportunity. Of those proposers, 12 downloaded the RFP via the City's electronic bid system. The RFP document was made available from the Purchasing Division, located on the sixth floor

of City Hall, and the Division's website at www.longbeach.gov/purchasing. An RFP announcement was also included in the Purchasing Division's weekly update of open bid opportunities, which is sent to 44 local, minority-owned, and women-owned business groups. There were 2 proposals received on April 18, 2024. Of those 2 proposers, none were Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs), none were Women-owned Business Enterprises (WBEs), none were certified Small Business Enterprises (SBEs), and none were Long Beach vendors (Local). The selection committee determined that LA CADA, of Los Angeles, CA (none), was the most qualified firm to provide the services.

The selection committee reviewed and evaluated 2 proposals in accordance with the criteria stipulated in the RFP. After the evaluation of responses, LA CADA was chosen based on their demonstrated capacity and experience and the reasonableness of cost of their proposal.

Local Business Outreach

To align with the City's outreach goal, Long Beach businesses are encouraged to submit proposals for City contracts. The Purchasing Division also assists businesses with registering on the Long Beach Buys platform to download RFP specifications. Through outreach, 118 Long Beach vendors were notified to submit proposals, of which 6 downloaded and none submitted a proposal. The Purchasing Division is committed to continuing to perform outreach to local vendors to expand the bidder pool.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Anita Lakhani on August 13, 2024, Administrative Analyst Tommy Ryan on August 9, 2024, and by Budget Analysis Officer Greg Sorensen on August 22, 2024.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action to adopt Specifications No. RFP HE-24-355 and award a contract concurrently is requested on September 10, 2024, to ensure the contract is in place expeditiously.

EQUITY LENS

The City has incorporated the Equity Toolkit in this recommendation, as requested by the City Council on April 21, 2020. The services derived from this contract were completed in accordance with procurement procedures. The services provided under this contract positively impact the City's public health emergency response by limiting potential disruptions of critical City services, including those in communities of color, which have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total annual amount of the contract will not exceed \$150,000, offset by grant revenue. Sufficient funds to support this contract are budgeted in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. There

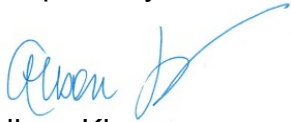
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is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER