

May 20, 2025

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute a contract, and any necessary documents including any necessary subsequent amendments, with Trauma Intervention Programs, Inc., a non-profit organization, of Vista, CA, for providing victim support services, in an annual amount not to exceed \$60,000, for a period of two years, with the option to renew for three additional one-year periods, at the discretion of the City Manager.

DISCUSSION

City Council approval is requested to enter into a contract with Trauma Intervention Programs, Inc. (TIP), to provide victim support services. TIP is a California nonprofit organization that trains and coordinates community volunteers to provide a crisis response team that provides emotional first aid to members of the public impacted by traumatic crime scenes. Upon notification from Long Beach Police Department (LBPD) officers of an incident, TIP volunteers will respond within 20 minutes to offer emotional support, referrals, and other victim services as needed.

The services provided by TIP are crucial for supporting victims and their families in the immediate aftermath of traumatic events. When called by LBPD first responders, TIP volunteers are available 24/7 to assist with individuals who are experiencing crisis, such as family members dealing with a natural or unexpected death, survivors of violent crimes, or those involved in accidents. TIP provides emotional first aid, ensures individuals are not left without support during their most vulnerable moments, and helps connect them with resources to aid their recovery. Having TIP on the scene alleviates stress for both survivors and emergency responders, allowing for a more focused and compassionate response to crises. These services are essential for LBPD, as they ensure victims receive immediate care, which not only reduces the emotional burden on officers but also improves the overall effectiveness of the Department's response.

After researching available options, the LBPD determined that TIP offers the most comprehensive trauma support services in the greater Long Beach area, both in terms of the breadth of care provided and its 24/7 availability. TIP is the only known local provider that offers this type of volunteer coordination and specialized training for trauma response on a continuous basis. TIP is uniquely positioned because their volunteers are local and can therefore respond very quickly to crime scenes and events located within the City on a 24-hour basis. TIP recruits local volunteers who undergo an intensive 55-hour training academy, followed by ongoing instruction and education. All volunteers are required to pass a background check and commit

to multiple shifts each month, responding to emergencies and providing immediate emotional first aid to individuals affected by traumatic events.

Furthermore, TIP has established partnerships with local law enforcement agencies, including the Orange County Sheriff's Department, Anaheim Police Department, Irvine Police Department, and Costa Mesa Police Department, ensuring a swift and coordinated response to crises within the community. The City has contracted with TIP since 2019, and their services have proven invaluable in supporting both victims and responders during critical moments.

A recommendation to contract with TIP and renew the agreement annually was previously approved by the City Council at its meeting on November 19, 2019. Consequently, LBPd has been utilizing TIP's unique services since February 2020. Although the scope of work is not changing, this recommendation will better align TIP's contract with standard City practices, policies, and term dates.

City Charter Section 1801 requires that contracts for City purchases be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder after a competitive bid process, but allows for awards without a competitive bid process when authorized by a Resolution adopted by the City Council.

This matter was reviewed Deputy City Attorney Eliezer Ben-Shmuel on April 28, 2025, Administrative Analyst Tommy Ryan on April 23, 2025, and Budget Management Officer Nader Kaamouch on May 2, 2025.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action to adopt a Resolution and award a contract concurrently is requested on May 20, 2025 to ensure the contract is in place expeditiously.

LEVINE ACT

This item is subject to the Levine Act. The Mayor, Councilmembers, and Commissioners who have received a contribution of more than \$500 within 12 months prior from a party, participant, or their representatives involved in this proceeding may do either of the following: (1) disclose the contribution on the record and recuse themselves from this proceeding; OR (2) return the portion of the contribution that exceeds \$500 within 30 days from the time the elected official knew or should have known about the contribution and participate in the proceeding.

All parties, participants, and their representatives must disclose on the record of this proceeding any contribution of more than \$500 made to the Mayor or any Councilmembers within 12 months prior to the date of the proceeding. The Mayor, Councilmembers, and Commissioners are prohibited from accepting, soliciting, or directing a contribution of more than \$500 from a party, participant, or their representatives, during a proceeding and for 12 months following the date a final decision is rendered.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The total annual contract amount will not exceed \$60,000 for a period of two years. Funds for these services are budgeted in the General Fund Group in the Police Department. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief of Police

Attachment: Resolution

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER