



**Contract and Award Letter
Purchase Resolution – Exhibit “A”**

TO: Board of Contracts and Awards
FROM: Allyson Griffith, Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS), Director
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COPY: [City Council, City Manager, City Clerk,] EIC Coordinator, LEAP Coordinator, and
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SUBJECT: Tacoma Pierce County Health Department
Direct Negotiations– October 15, 2024, City Council
DATE: September 24, 2024

RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY:

Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) recommends a contract be awarded to Tacoma Pierce County Health Department (TPCHD), Tacoma, Washington, in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the Human Right and Human Services Fund, budgeted from a grant received from the Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) in the same amount, for an initial contract term of October 15, 2024 to June 30, 2025, with the option to renew for two additional terms, for a pilot of a street medicine team.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Strengthen and support a safe city with healthy residents.
- Ensure all Tacoma residents are valued and have access to resources to meet their needs.

BACKGROUND:

NCS contracts with local service providers who align with Tacoma 2025, City Council priorities, and the NCS Department goals to provide resources to various populations in the community. This year's Point in Time count showed more than 2,600 of our Pierce County neighbors were living homeless. People who are unhoused face challenges accessing things they need for their health like shelter, proper nutrition, and healthcare. And even those who do have access to healthcare may not be able to receive care for weeks or months. That wait can have dire effects on people who are exposed to the elements, and it can worsen even simple existing health conditions. People who are unhoused have higher rates of both chronic and communicable diseases, such as diabetes, hypertension, depression, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), and substance use disorder.

Washington State Health Care Authority has made funding available to five municipalities - King County, City of Spokane, City of Tacoma, City of Everett and Kitsap County to implement Street Medicine teams in support of the unhoused.

To support the City's [plans to strategically address homelessness](#) and reduce the impacts to the emergency system, the City is interested in accepting the Washington State Health Care Authority grant to pilot a program through Tacoma Pierce County Health Department (TPCHD) to provide street medicine services to residents living homeless residents which includes but is not limited to unhoused people living in encampments, tent cities, living in cars, under bridges and in the woods. The main objectives of the Street Medicine program are to reduce health disparities and to improve health outcomes among the unhoused population.



ISSUE: The proposed contract will establish a mechanism for payment to fund the creation of a street medicine team pilot program in accordance with the legislative mandate in [ESSB 5950](#). This action will also authorize the City Manager to accept the award from HCA, which will allow the expenditure of funds.

ALTERNATIVES: City Council could direct staff to release a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to identify a provider to offer Street Medicine, which will result in a delay in service delivery and may impact our funding source.

COMPETITIVE ANALYSIS:

The City of Tacoma would be contracting with TPCHD under a direct negotiation as allowed by Tacoma Municipal Code. TPCHD is uniquely positioned to respond to this crisis as the program fits neatly into the new way TPCHD is looking at their disease work as they transition from a Communicable Disease lens to more comprehensive Disease Management. See the Background section for more information on the work TPCHD is already engaged in with the homes community.

CONTRACT HISTORY: New Contract

SUSTAINABILITY: Not Applicable

EQUITY IN CONTRACTING (EIC) COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable - EIC Exception: Direct Negotiation Waiver

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT AND APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM (LEAP)
COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable to this contract.



FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1185-NCS	858700	5330100	\$1,000,000
TOTAL			Up to \$1,000,000

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1185-NCS	858700	4331295	(\$1,000,000)
TOTAL			Up to (\$1,000,000)

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$0

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? No

IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED. Grant from Washington State Health Care Authority in the amount of \$1,000,000.