



City of Tacoma

**Resolution No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Meeting Date:** December 12, 2023

**Contract and Award Letter  
Purchase Resolution —Exhibit "A"**

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**TO:** Board of Contracts and Awards  
**FROM:** Allyson Griffith, Director, Neighborhood & Community Services  
Vicky McLaurin, Interim-Assistant Director, Neighborhood and Community Services  
**COPY:** City Council, City Manager, City Clerk, EIC Coordinator, LEAP Coordinator, and Sara Bird, Finance/Purchasing  
**SUBJECT:** New Beginnings Program - Short-Term Intensive Support in a Transitional Residential Environment  
Request for Proposals (RFP) Specification No. NC22-0106F, Contract No. CW2253172 – December 12, 2023 City Council  
**DATE:** November 20, 2023

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**RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY:**

The Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) Department requests approval to increase and extend the Contract No. CW2253172, to Comprehensive Mental Health Center of Tacoma-Pierce County dba Comprehensive Life Resources (CLR), Tacoma, WA, in the amount of \$400,000.00, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Human Rights and Human Services Fund, to extend the performance and termination date of the New Beginnings program Scope of Work to December 31, 2024, which will bring the cumulative contract amount to \$2,147,312.82, for services at Park Place Residential Treatment Facility.

**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.
- Encourage thriving residents with abundant opportunities for life-long learning.

**BACKGROUND:**

CLR was originally awarded the Contract to provide the New Beginnings program Scope of Work (in addition to other programs) in response to their application to RFP NC22-0106F. While they were not initially recommended by the Human Services Commission (HSC), staff recommended they be funded due to the nature of their work, and referrals received from the Homeless Engagement Alternative Liaisons (HEAL) and emergency responders. New Beginnings utilizes beds within the Residential Treatment Facility (Park Place) to provide short-term intensive support in a transitional residential environment for unfunded or underfunded individuals who struggle with mental illness and/or substance use disorders.

ISSUE: There is a high demand for the services provided by the New Beginnings program at Park Place. According to the 2023 State of Mental Health Report, 15 percent of adults had substance use disorder, but 93.5 percent were unable to receive treatment nationally. Additionally, 28 percent of all adults with mental illness are unable to receive treatment due to their inability to afford the cost of treatment nationwide (Reinert, Fritze, & Nguyen, 2022). These trends are reflected in the demand for services experienced by the New Beginnings program. However, even with the need for residential treatment facilities, like that of Park Place, the New Beginnings program Scope of Work is currently set to terminate at the end of December 2023. NCS intend to extend the New Beginnings program and add additional funds to maintain and



support these services in 2024 with additional parameters implemented to limit expenditure in 2024.

ALTERNATIVES: City Council can decide to not increase the budget by \$400,000.00 for 2024. This would result in a decrease in treatment beds in the City and the New Beginnings program Scope of Work will end on December 31, 2023, and not continue through 2024.

**COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION:** An RFP, NC22-0106F, for 2023-2024 Mental Health Sales Tax funding was released on June 1, 2022 and closed on June 28, 2022. CLR was not originally recommended for funding during the competitive process. However, staff recommended funding due to the nature of their work, referrals from HEAL and the emergency responders.

**CONTRACT HISTORY:** The City of Tacoma and CLR entered into Contract No. CW2253172 for a total compensation not to exceed amount of \$1,647,312.82 for CLR to provide five Scopes of Work for multiple programs including “New Beginnings” from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, for \$400,000.00. The Contract was reissued on June 15, 2023, as the original contract had not been issued in the Contractor’s legal name. Amendment No. 1 to the Contract was effective August 1, 2023, to increase the 2023 New Beginnings program budget by \$100,000.00 to increase the total bednights, from 1,704 to 2,130, increasing the Contract’s total compensation not to exceed amount to \$1,747,312.82. A new change order is being drafted to move \$123,594.00 of the budget authorized under Exhibit A of the Contract for the Alliances program to 2023 New Beginnings program budget for a total of \$623,594.00 to help support the program at the residential treatment facility (Park Place) through the end of 2023. Additional parameters will be implemented in the 2024 amendment for New Beginnings' program Scope of Work to limit expenditure in 2024.

SUSTAINABILITY: Not applicable

EQUITY IN CONTRACTING (EIC) COMPLIANCE: Not applicable

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT AND APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM (LEAP)  
COMPLIANCE: Not applicable

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**EXPENDITURES:**

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1185-Human Rights and Human Services	859310	5330100	\$400,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>Up to \$400,000</b>

**REVENUES:**

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1185-Human Rights and Human Services	Various	4313250	(\$400,000)
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>Up to (\$400,000)</b>



**FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$400,000**

**ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes**

**IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED. N/A**

**Citation:** Reinert, M, Fritze, D. & Nguyen, T. (October 2022). "The State of Mental Health in America 2023" Mental Health America, Alexandria VA.