



Date: March 24, 2015
To: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager
Through: Nadia Chandler-Hardy, NCS Department Director
From: Pamela Duncan, Human Services Division Manager
Subject: Authorization of Direct Negotiation for Professional Services and Personal Services over \$25,000
Metropolitan Development Council – Behavioral Health & Recovery and TFD CARES

For your review and recommendation.

TMC 1.06.256 requires competitive solicitation of all services. Wherever possible, services should be procured as a result of a request for bids, request for proposals or request for qualifications, as appropriate. TMC 1.06.256 (B) allows for direct negotiation of professional services and personal services, excluding architectural and engineering services, when determined by the city manager or director of utilities/CEO, or their respective designees, to be in the best interest of the City.

RECOMMENDATION: In accordance with TMC 1.06.256 (B), Neighborhood and Community Services requests a waiver of the competitive solicitation process and authorization to directly negotiate with **Metropolitan Development Council**, for Co-Occurring Disorder Treatment and Housing First for individuals struggling with mental health and substance use disorders in the amount of \$890,000.00, sales tax not applicable. Further, Neighborhood and Community Services requests a waiver of the competitive solicitation process and authorization to directly negotiate with **TACOMA FIRE DEPARTMENT CARES**, for case management services for individuals identified to be high utilizers of 911 emergency services in the amount of \$300,000.00, sales tax not applicable.

EXPLANATION: Metropolitan Development Council in collaboration with Catholic Community Services has developed a program addressing co-occurring disorders for individuals not only impacted by mental health and substance use disorders but also identified as homeless and in need of shelter services. Catholic Community Services by and through Nativity House, provides the immediate stability of overnight shelter to single male and female adults experiencing homelessness. The program additionally offers supportive services to assist individuals to identify, address, and overcome their personal barriers to establishing a stable income and stable housing. Metropolitan Development Council provides the diagnostic assessments and clinical treatment for the same individuals diagnosed to have a mental health and substance use disorder.

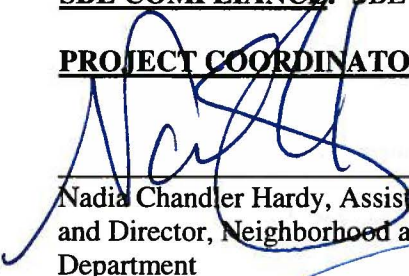
JUSTIFICATION FOR DIRECT NEGOTIATION: The City of Tacoma is a vested partner in ensuring that its citizens have access to the care and treatment they need to in order to remain safe and healthy. Catholic Community Services' Nativity House provides hundreds of individuals struggling with homelessness safe, secure, overnight shelter. In addition, resources are available on-site to deal with individuals' behavioral health concerns. Metropolitan Development Council has developed the only Co-Occurring Disorder Treatment Program in Pierce County. There are no other dually credentialed providers in our community providing such services.

Tacoma Fire Department CARES is a city-developed program ensuring Tacoma's high utilizers of 911 services have more intensive support leading them to the place where they are no longer contacting 911 for assistance but are meeting directly with case managers, therapeutic treatment providers and, where needed, are provided with supportive housing units. This comprehensive model of care ensures Tacoma's most vulnerable citizens have the resources they need to decrease their dependency on emergency services not often suited to do more than transport to an emergency room.

FUNDING: Funds for this purchase are available in the City's .1% MHSUD Fund 858300.

SBE COMPLIANCE: SBE staff were not contacted. Not applicable.

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3/25/2015
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