



TO: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager
FROM: Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant to City Manager and Director, Neighborhood and Community Services
COPY: City Council, City Clerk and Pamela Duncan, Human Services Division Manager
SUBJECT: A Resolution approving a non-competitively funded contract with Metropolitan Development Council in the amount of \$890,000.00 – April 21, 2015
DATE: March 27, 2015

SUMMARY:

A Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Metropolitan Development Council in the amount of \$890,000, budgeted from the Mental Health Substance Use Disorder Fund, for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- A safe, clean and attractive community.
- Strengthen and support public safety, human services, public education, and diverse higher learning opportunities in Tacoma.
- Encourage and promote an open, effective and results-oriented organization.

BACKGROUND:

On July 22, 2014, the City Council adopted the 2015-2019 Human Services Strategic Plan (HSSP) presented by the Neighborhood and Community Services department. At that meeting, Council approved Resolution 38978 recognizing that certain programs were highly aligned with the City's efforts to create a coordinated system of care for addressing mental health and substance use disorders. Resolution 38978 specifically addressed the issue of direct funding where deemed appropriate. The contract before Council fits the criteria for direct funding and is an amount over \$200,000.

On August 1, 2014 a competitive funding application addressing identified funding priorities was released to the public. Applications were due on September 5, 2014. Council adopted Resolution 39066 on December 2, 2014 approving the recommendations of the Human Services Commission regarding MHSUD competitive allocations.

At the December meeting, Council asked staff to identify priority areas that were not addressed during the competitive funding process, ensuring citizens' safety was not put at risk. Staff identified gaps in providing Co-Occurring Disorder treatment services for Tacoma residents—most specifically those in sheltered care. As such, Council offered their support for creating a Shelter/COD Treatment Program. Funding dedicated to this Program would come from MHSUD Direct Funding. On February 24, 2015, Council adopted Resolution No. 39126, which included Catholic Community Services' contract dedicated to the Shelter/COD program in the amount of \$870,000. This contract represents one of the two directly funded contracts comprising the Shelter/COD Treatment Program.

Staff brings the attached contract before Council totaling \$890,000.00. The contract includes the following programs: Metropolitan Development Council's (MDC's) Housing First program (a single-year contract in the amount of \$210,000), providing resources to transition individuals out of Housing First units into other housing resources as MDC surrenders its Housing First contract with the City; and MDC's Shelter/COD Treatment Program in the amount of \$680,000—providing clinical assessments,



treatment, and the opportunity to attain subsidized housing for individuals sheltered at the new Nativity House assessed to have co-occurring disorders.

The remainder of the Mental Health (MHSUD) directly funded allocations for human services programs under \$200,000 will be contracted administratively.

ISSUE:

Metropolitan Development Council (MDC) is transitioning out of providing Housing First units for the City of Tacoma. The City has agreed to partner with MDC to provide a one-year contract allowing current housing first clients to be transitioned to safe housing, ensuring that these individuals do not experience homelessness.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council approve funding recommendations of the HSC and adopt a resolution allowing the contract identified above in an amount over \$200,000 to move forward.

ALTERNATIVES: Council could choose to not support a one-year contract for transitioning individuals out of Housing First Units. Identifying other alternative would further delay the ability to contract for services and would create the inability of MDC to begin the process of safely transitioning households to other permanent housing.



FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1185-MHCD	858300	5330100	\$890,000
TOTAL			\$890,000

* General Fund: Include Department

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1185-MHCD	858300	4313250	\$890,000
TOTAL			\$890,000

POTENTIAL POSITION IMPACT:

POSITION TITLE	PERMANENT/ PROJECT TEMPORARY POSITION	FTE IMPACT	POSITION END DATE
N/A			
TOTAL			

This section should only be completed if a subsequent request will be made to increase or decrease the current position count.

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$890,000

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes