



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 amendment with Comprehensive Life Resources in the amount of \$254,400.00 – October 4, 2016
DATE: September 26, 2016

SUMMARY:

A Resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment with Comprehensive Life Resources in the amount of \$254,400.00 budgeted from the Mental Health Substance Use Disorder Fund for a total agreement amount of \$1,434,227.28, 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.

The City directly funded Comprehensive Life Resources (CLR) to implement Positive Interactions in the amount of \$280,000.00 for the 2015-16 biennium under Resolution 38978 approved by Council on July 22, 2014. In November 2015, Council approved a budget increase of \$121,719.28 for the Positive Interactions contract. The amended budget created for that program did not anticipate the increased need for weekend support and the high cost for increased community clean-ups. While \$20,000 was budgeted for 2015, and again in 2016, for community clean-ups, the use of Positive Interactions for encampment clean-up and mental health outreach has increased for 2016. Additionally, encampments within the City of Tacoma identified as HOT spots in 2016 created a need for temporary housing for individuals that were residing in the encampments being cleared. This amended budget created for Positive Interactions includes Housing First dollars to be utilized for temporary housing up to \$180,000.00.

Staff is bringing the attached amended contract before Council totaling \$1,434,227.28. The contract includes the following CLR programs: CLR Diversion Beds, CLR Positive Interactions, CLR New Beginnings and CLR Life Connections. CLR Diversion Beds (funded amount: \$345,600.00) provides secure beds at Park Place Residential Treatment Center for individuals diverted from jails and hospitals referred by the City's Co-Responders and TFD CARES Program. New Beginnings is funded for \$138,344.00 to ensure that individuals requiring longer-term intensive services at Park Place Residential Treatment Center have opportunities to address their complex needs. Life Connections is contracted for \$294,164.00 to ensure unfunded clients have access to a minimum of six treatment sessions, and additional services removing traditional barriers for success such as assistance with insurance, employment and finding extended treatment services. The current Positive Interactions contract is in the



amount of \$401,720.00. This Council Action Memorandum is to solely expand the Positive Interactions services.

ISSUE:

The City of Tacoma has seen an increased presence of street homelessness. This increase has created undue hardship for local businesses and increased risk for individuals living without shelter. The Positive Interactions Program provides businesses with a 24/7 response system that includes on-site response within two hours during traditional business hours. Every effort is made to address the business concerns immediately. Perhaps more importantly, individuals struggling with chronic and/or street homelessness are provided with peer support interventions encouraging and motivating client change. The City has had tremendous success with this program but has a need to expand the program with additional staffing to ensure weekends and after-hours are covered.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council approve the Contract Amendment for Positive Interactions for the contract identified above in the amount of \$254,400.00.

ALTERNATIVES: Council could choose to not support the expansion of the program and ask staff to look at additional alternatives to address the impacts of increased street homelessness impacting businesses.



FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1185-MHCD	858300	5330100	\$254,400.00
TOTAL			\$254,400.00

* General Fund: Include Department

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1185-MHCD	858300	4313250	\$254,400.00
TOTAL			\$254,400.00

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: \$254,400.00

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes