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SUBJECT: Blight Removal Update
DATE: June 10, 2021

PRESENTATION TYPE:

Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

Staff will present an informational briefing to update the committee on the City's efforts to address litter, trash and debris throughout the community.

BACKGROUND:

The City employs several approaches to address blight throughout our community. These include:

- Adopt-A-Spot and Neighborhood Litter Patrol programs which provide community members an opportunity to help beautify their neighborhoods through one-time or ongoing collection of trash and debris in their selected geography;
- Purple Bag program which provides individuals in encampments an opportunity to collect their waste and have it removed by a City contractor;
- The HIRE program which employs individuals experiencing homelessness to perform debris removal from private property and offers job skills training in landscape and beautification; and
- Contracted services for operation and maintenance of hygiene stations and blight removal from and around encampments including biohazardous material

ISSUE:

The presentation will provide an update on vendor performance related to encampment cleanup, the start-up of the HIRE program, the expansion of the Purple Bag pilot and performance of the Adopt-A-Spot and Neighborhood Litter Patrol program. The presentation will also discuss work by NCS, Public Works and Environmental Services to evaluate the system for request and referral of debris removal to better coordinate response and provide seamless service for our community as well as work underway to utilize American Rescue Plan Act funds to coordinate a community-wide cleanup effort.

ALTERNATIVES:

This is an information briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This is an informational briefing only, and no new funds are being requested. The table below demonstrates the City's current investment in the programs discussed above:

Contractor	Contract Term	Total Contract Amount
Cascadia*	8/6/2020-8/6/2021	\$140,000.00
Pacific NW Bio	3/1/2021-5/14/2021 (In process to extend services through 2021)	\$87,335.01
Fairlane Hauling	3/22/21-6/30/2021 (In process to extend services through 2021)	\$67,930.00
Valeo – HIRE	4/1/2021-12/31/2021	\$60,000.00
1800 Got Junk – Hygiene Stations	4/7/2021-7/31/2021	\$181,050.65
TOTAL	--	\$565,315.66

*Cascadia is contracted to perform encampment removal as well as the Purple Bag Program. Amount listed in the table reflects one0year contract extension. Contract dates to 2017 and total amount of contract is \$700,000.

Council will be receiving a briefing at Study Session on June 8, 2021 which will include a proposal for use of ARPA funds to support some of the work described in the presentation.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an informational briefing only.