

AGENDA



Thursday, March 10, 2011

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 11

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of Renewal of and Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Child Care Voucher Services with YOUTH AND FAMILY ALLIANCE INC., d/b/a LIFEWORKS, to increase the contract amount for the current term, October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011, by \$44,259, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$352,531, to increase the amount for the second 12-month renewal term by \$44,258, for a total contract renewal amount not to exceed \$352,530, and to increase performance measures. Funding for the third and fourth renewal terms remains the same, and the total maximum contract amount for all terms will now be \$1,428,159.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the amount of \$44,259 in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of the Neighborhood Housing and Community Services Office through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The contract period is October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011. Funding for the renewal options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Prior Council Action: Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget approval September 13, 2010, Initial contract authorization approved June 24, 2010.

Approval of this Recommendation for Council Action will authorize an increase in funding for the current contract term and for the Fiscal Year 2012 renewal term (October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2012) of the YOUTH AND FAMILY ALLIANCE, INC. d/b/a LIFEWORKS contract to operate the Bridge Child Care Voucher Program for low-income families. The Bridge Program provides short-term child care to families in crisis for up to six months to allow time for the family to stabilize their situation and to find child care with long-term funding. The majority of families served by the Bridge Program are homeless or near-homeless. Lifeworks will be required to provide services to an additional 20 children, and the amendment will also increase Lifeworks' insurance requirements.

The additional funds are Community Development Block grant funds available due to the closure of Family Connections, the previous Bridge contractor. Currently, there are about 30 children from 24 families on the Bridge Program waiting list.

All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Related Departmental Goal: Provision: Social Services – Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors, and lifestyle among targeted populations.

Output: Number of children provided direct child care services (unduplicated):

Goals: Current Total: 188 Additional: 20 New Total: 208