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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council		Item ID:	46830	Agenda Number	11.
Meeting Date:		June 23, 2015			
Department:		Purchasing			
Subject					
Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of two 12-month contracts for Request for Proposal No. PAX0124 with FRONT STEPS, INC. to provide temporary housing services, peer to peer support, on-call case management support, and life skills training and with ANEWENTRY, INC. to provide temporary housing services, peer to peer support, and life skills training in an amount not to exceed \$304,058 combined, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$304,058 per extension option combined, for total contracts amount not to exceed \$1,520,290 combined.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding in the amount of \$100,353 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budget of the Downtown Austin Community Court. Funding for the extension options are contingent upon available funding in future budgets.					
Fiscal Note					
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.					
Purchasing Language:	Best-evaluated proposals				
Prior Council Action:	August 28, 2014 - Approved original contract, item 67.				
For More Information:	Sai Xoomsai Purcell, Senior Buyer Specialist, 512-972-4016				
Boards and Commission Action:					
Related Items:					
MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. Per the City's Small and Minority Resources Department, no subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore,				

no goals were established for this solicitation.

Additional Backup Information

This is an addition to the contract awarded on August 28, 2014 to Planned Living Assistance Network of Central Texas, Inc. to provide one to one life skill training, on-call case management and client peer to peer support. This RCA will add two contracts for homeless prevention and intervention services in four areas: (1) temporary housing services; (2) peer to peer support for clients with ongoing mental health and/or mental health and substance abuse issues; (3) on-call case management support outside normal business hours for clients already engaged in Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC)-provided services; and (4) life skills training to help prepare clients for housing for homeless or formerly homeless individuals in case management with the DACC, in order for them to obtain long term and permanent stability.

To ensure optimal service-continuum availability for DACC clients, multiple vendors are being recommended for the award of each service. This will create a robust array of services which addresses the current barriers by giving case managers and clients options when one service provider cannot provide admission because they are full or cannot accommodate the special needs of this client population. Additionally, DACC may issue subsequent versions of this same solicitation inviting additional proposals for one or more of the four categories of services listed under this contract. Future solicitations will be issued as deemed appropriate based on the DACC's need.

These services will afford DACC case management staff to provide access to a wrap-around service as clients work toward maintaining and obtaining permanent stability. Without these services, clients will continue to cycle through the criminal justice system as well as other publicly funded systems such as emergency rooms, mental health services and jails, and will also continue to consume much of the Police Department's time and energy, which in turn affects the safety of the greater Austin community.

DACC has historically contracted with the Substance Abuse Managed Service Organization (SAMSO), a third party funds administrator, to recruit, administer and monitor service provider contracts. SAMSO has had difficulty recruiting and maintaining vendors and has been unsuccessful in creating the robust array of services needed to sufficiently and productively connect clients to services that will eventually assist with their permanent stability. In Fiscal Year 2014, the City Manager and City Council approved DACC's request to handle its own social service contracting and begin moving away from contracting with the SAMSO by decreasing the amount contracted with them. DACC pays the SAMSO a 12% administration fee to manage service provider contracts. In Fiscal Year 2015, the City Manager and Council approved DACC's request to shift the funds historically spent to pay SAMSO's administrative fee to create a full time contracting specialist position at DACC. Moving forward with this request will allow DACC to add and utilize the services outlined above, providing the priority client population with access to a service continuum that can assist with their long-term and permanent stability.

MBE/WBE solicited: 1/3

WBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. 46 notices were sent, including one MBE and three WBEs. Four proposals were received with no response from the MBE/WBEs.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Best-evaluated proposals.
- b. The Purchasing Office recommends contract award consistent with the findings of the evaluation

committee.

c. Advertised in the Austin American Statesman and on the internet.