



City of Chula Vista

Staff Report

File#: 18-0242, **Item#:** 6.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-096 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA WAIVING THE CONSULTANT SELECTION PROCESS AND APPROVING A YOUTH COUNSELING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA AND SOUTH BAY COMMUNITY SERVICES

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council adopt the resolution.

SUMMARY

Since 1985, South Bay Community Services has provided juvenile counseling services to the City. The attached agreement formally continues those services to be provided which includes a Youth Counseling Program, Runaway Case Management Program and Homeless Youth Outreach Program.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Environmental Notice

The activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) no environmental review is required.

Environmental Determination

The proposed activity has been reviewed for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines because the activity consists of administrative actions that will not result in a physical change to the environment; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Not Applicable

DISCUSSION

South Bay Community Services (SBCS) and the Juvenile Services unit of the Police Department have worked together since 1985 providing a variety of services for juveniles and their families. The proposed contract with SBCS will continue this relationship and formalize the agreement with the following services:

- *A minimum of 80 hours per week from Youth and Family Development Associates.* These associates will work with juveniles who have been contacted, detained, or taken into custody by police officers for minor non-violent offenses such as vandalism, curfew violation, burglary, and petty thefts. In FY 2016- 2017, this component of the program provided assistance to 322

juveniles. This program has 95% of youth completing planned goals and an impressive 1% recidivism rate, compared to the national average of 42%.

- *Management of reported cases of runaway juveniles.* The counselors track the status of the case and offer counseling and intervention services to the juveniles and their families. In FY 2016-2017, the SBCS counselors provided services to 497 runaway cases.
- Other services include individual and family therapy, anger management instruction, educational assistance, parenting classes, community services activities, gender-specific group counseling substance abuse counseling.
- Confidential progress reports will be issued at quarterly and annual intervals.

SBCS has tailored their programs to meet the needs of the City. Their experience, qualifications and community presence make them a unique service provider. The Police Department does not have comparable staff or expertise to provide adequate similar services. The cost for providing the same level of service “in-house” would be prohibitive. Furthermore, the Police Department has been satisfied with the level of service and professionalism from South Bay Community Services.

SBCS employees have all completed pre-employment testing and have a bachelor’s degree or equivalent experience in the counseling field. Since these employees are located at the Police Department facility, they undergo a background check, which is performed by Police Department staff.

SBCS provides local youth counseling services approved by the County of San Diego court system. The City is not aware of alternate services capable of meeting the City’s youth counseling and community outreach requirements. For these reasons, staff recommends that the City’s normal consultant selection process be waived.

The proposed contract is effective July 1, 2018 and will expire on June 30, 2019, and may be extended an additional four years upon mutual agreement.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site-specific and consequently, the 500-foot rule found in California Code of Regulations Title 2, section 18702.2(a)(11), is not applicable to this decision for purposes of determining a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov’t Code § 87100, et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Councilmember, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision maker conflict of interest in this matter.

LINK TO STRATEGIC GOALS

The City’s Strategic Plan has five major goals: Operational Excellence, Economic Vitality, Healthy Community, Strong and Secure Neighborhoods and a Connected Community. The establishment of a Tobacco Retailer’s Permit Fee supports the Healthy Community goal as it protects public health by further regulating tobacco retail establishments in the City of Chula Vista.

CURRENT YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

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Approval of this resolution will result in South Bay Community Service's continued youth counseling services through June 30, 2019. The contract amount of \$120,000 for SBCS Youth Counseling services has already been included in the fiscal year 2018/2019 proposed budget. There is no net fiscal impact by accepting this resolution.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

SBCS Youth Counseling costs in subsequent years will be included in the proposed budget and will be considered as part of the normal budget process.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Agreement with South Bay Community Services for Youth Counseling Services

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