

City of Culver City, California
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Meeting Date: June 6, 2005		Item Number: <u>A-1</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Approve Entering into a Contract with Saint Joseph Center for the Provision of Homeless Outreach, Supportive Service and Data Collection in the Amount of \$40,000 for a Period of One (1) Year.			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☒ No ☐	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☒	
Public Notification: Exodus Recovery, Inc.; People Assisting the Homeless; Saint Joseph Center; Veteran's Initiative notified on April 27, 2005; and Master Notification List notified on June 1, 2005			
Department Approval: Susan Evans 5/12/2005		CAO Approval: Deborah Fancett for Jerry Fulwood 6/1/05	
City Controller Approval: Jim Lavery 6/1/05			

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Culver City Council enter into a contract with Saint Joseph Center (SJC) for the provision of homeless outreach, supportive service and data collection in the amount of \$40,000 for a period of one (1) year.

BACKGROUND:

Homelessness impacts the entire Los Angeles region. Historically, homelessness has been an issue primarily experienced by the beach cities and Skid Row in downtown Los Angeles. With greater enforcement in the beach cities and Skid Row, including the redevelopment of many of the depressed and blighted areas in downtown Los Angeles, the homeless population is now seeking areas that infrequently experience enforcement activities. Culver City has not been immune.

In an effort to address this issue, in October, 2002 the Culver City Council (Council) formed the Homeless Subcommittee (Gross and Silbiger) to examine strategies to address homelessness.

Subsequently, in July, 2004, the Council adopted strategies to address homelessness in Culver City, including, but not limited to, joining the Westside Shelter and Hunger Coalition; forming a Citizens Homelessness Ad Hoc Committee, consisting of City staff, residents and members of the business community to advise the City Council on additional strategies to address homelessness in Culver City; soliciting and securing an organization to provide homeless outreach, supportive

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services linkages, as well as data collection regarding the City's homeless population; and conducting a homeless study in collaboration with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA).

DISCUSSION:

Request for Proposals

To implement the Homeless Strategy of soliciting and securing an organization to conduct homeless outreach, supportive services linkages and data collection, on February 9, 2005, a request for proposals (RFP) was released to the public. Over fifty (50) agencies were transmitted the RFP. The RFP had a forty-five (45) day response period and the deadline to submit a proposal was March 29, 2005. Housing staff provided technical assistance on an individual basis to all interested parties. A total of four (4) agencies responded to the RFP. These agencies included:

- Exodus Recovery, Inc.
- People Assisting the Homeless (PATH)
- Saint Joseph Center
- The Veteran's Initiative

Proposal Evaluation

The Homeless Subcommittee (Gross, Silbiger, Police, and City staff from Police, Fire, City Attorney, Housing, and Parks and Recreation) convened on April 26, 2005 to evaluate all transmitted proposals. Each proposal was evaluated on the following criteria:

- Qualifications/Organizational Capacity (20%)
- Project Plan (20%)
- Supportive Services Linkages (20%)
- Data Collection/Needs Assessment (20%)
- Budget/Financial Statements (20%)

In addition, each agency was required to conduct an oral presentation of their proposal. From both the above mentioned criteria and the oral presentations, it is recommended that Saint Joseph Center (SJC) be selected to conduct homeless outreach, supportive service, and data collection.

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Saint Joseph Center

Saint Joseph Center has been providing a wide array of social services to low income and homeless men, women and children on the Westside of Los Angeles County since 1976. Their programs include a family center, food assistance, child care, job training, money management services and housing placement. Saint Joseph Center provides an extensive matrix of supportive services which support a homeless person in all stages of their progress toward self-sufficiency. In addition, Saint Joseph Center has managed a Homeless Service Center since 1981 and has fielded a Dual Diagnosis Outreach Team since 1996 and a Homeless Senior Outreach Team since 1997.

Saint Joseph Center outlined a plan in their proposal to provide outreach, assessment, supportive service, case management and data collection for twenty-five to forty (25-40) Culver City based homeless individuals. They will also conduct homeless outreach on a daily basis. The selection of Saint Joseph Center is recommended based on their strong understanding of Culver City and our homeless population. Saint Joseph Center's Outreach Teams have been operating in Culver City for eight (8) years. They are familiar with the general location and characteristic of the homeless population as well as the concerns of the business owners, City staff, residents and other social service providers. During their oral presentation, Saint Joseph Center was able to name and describe homeless persons in Culver City and they also provided photographs of various homeless encampments throughout Culver City. Through their years of providing homeless outreach to Culver City, Saint Joseph Center has established relationships with business owners, the Police Department and the homeless population.

FISCAL IMPACT:

On January 24, 2005, the Council approved funding from unappropriated reserves in the amount \$40,000 for a Homeless Outreach Coordinator through an agency (account # 55497100.619800/Other Contractual Services). This amount is for a one year period.

ATTACHMENTS:

Saint Joseph Center Submitted Proposal

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MOTION:

That the City Council:

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