



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 11/2/2021

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Item Creation Date: 9/8/2021

T29886 - Shelter and Support Services - ORDINANCE (Houston Area Women's Center)

Agenda Item#: 15.

Background:

Professional Services for S49-T29886 - Approve an ordinance authorizing an agreement between the City of Houston and the Houston Area Women's Center to provide shelter and support services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence and to pay HAWC all the interest and royalties from the John Battaglia Trust Account during the term of the agreement; establishing a maximum contract amount of \$150,000.00 from the John Battaglia Trust Account.

Specific Explanation:

The Director/Chief Business Officer and the Chief Procurement Officer recommend that City Council approve an ordinance awarding a 14-month contract, with two (2) successive one-year terms to the Houston Area Women's Center (HAWC) to provide shelter and support services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence and to pay HAWC all the interest and royalties from the John Battaglia Trust Account during the term of the agreement. The maximum contract amount will be \$150,000.00 from the John Battaglia Trust Account.

Since 1983, the HAWC has received the interest and royalty income from the John Battaglia Trust. The HAWC provides shelter and support services to survivors of sexual assault and family violence; it also educates and informs the community on ways to eliminate the causes of this violence. The HAWC's mission is to provide leadership and action to empower women to advance their role, rights, and well-being. All services are free of charge. The HAWC provides the following services: (1) family violence programs that include both the provision of shelter for abused women and their children, and non-residential counseling services; (2) a women's center hot line that provides callers with information and referrals to community resources and serves as the intake service for the shelter; (3) a rape crisis program; and (4) a community involvement and outreach program that includes community education, volunteers, and funding development programs.

The HAWC is responsible for commissioning an annual audit of funds expended under the agreement as well as preparing and submitting an annual performance report to the Director of Finance.

This recommendation is made pursuant to subsection 252.022(a)(4) of the Texas Local Government Code, which provides that " a procurement for personal, professional, or planning services" is exempt from the competitive requirements for purchases.

MWBE Participation:

Zero-Percentage Goal document approved by the Office of Business Opportunity.

Hire Houston First:

This procurement is exempt from the City's Hire Houston First Ordinance based on the department's determination that compliance with the ordinance would unduly interfere with contract needs.

Fiscal Note:

No fiscal note is required for Trust Fund items.

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Department Approval Authority

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Estimated Spending Authority			
DEPARTMENT	FY2022	OUT YEARS	TOTAL
Finance	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$150,000.00

Amount and Source of Funding:

\$150,000.00 - John Battaglia Trust Fund (2413)

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Ownership Inf Form	Backup Material
Clear Tax Report	Backup Material
OBO Memo	Backup Material
Cert. of Funds	Financial Information
Prof. Svcs Justification Form	Backup Material
Approved OBO waiver	Backup Material
Form B	Backup Material
Agreement/Contract	Contract/Exhibit