



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 4/9/2024

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Item Creation Date: 2/20/2024

L29788.A1 - My Brother's Keeper Initiative (The Social Justice Learning Institute) -
ORDINANCE

Agenda Item#: 52.

Background:

L29788.A1 – Approve an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2021-0266 (approved on April 14, 2021) to increase the maximum contract amount from \$750,000.00 to \$1,550,000.00; approving and authorizing a first amendment to Professional Services Agreement No. 4600016588, between the City of Houston and The Social Justice Learning Institute modifying the terms of the agreement and extending the contract term from April 21, 2024 to June 30, 2025 for the My Brother's Keeper Initiative for the Houston Health Department.

Specific Explanation:

The Director of the Houston Health Department and the Chief Procurement Officer recommend that City Council approve an amending ordinance to increase the maximum contract amount from **\$750,000.00 to \$1,550,000.00** and approve first amendment to the professional services Agreement between the City of Houston and **The Social Justice Learning Institute** modifying the terms of the agreement and extending the contract term from April 21, 2024, to June 30, 2025, for My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Initiative for the Houston Health Department.

The contract was awarded on April 14, 2021, by Ordinance No. 2021-0266 for a three (3) year contract term for an award amount of \$750,000.00. Expenditures as of April 1, 2024, totaled \$729,162.33. An Increase of \$800,000.00 to the maximum contract amount will sustain the expansion of the program through Fiscal Year 2025.

The national MBK initiative was launched in 2014 to address persistent opportunity gaps in employment, educational outcomes and career skills and to eliminate barriers preventing youths from realizing their potential. Houston accepted the MBK Community Challenge as part of the local MBK initiative. The SJLI provides HHD with professional services in the development and implementation of a program to improve the educational outcomes of Boys and Young Men of Color (BYMOC) participating in Houston's MBK Initiative. The initiative's goal is to improve academic success, employment, and safety from violent crime for boys and young men.

The scope of work requires the Contractor to facilitate the Urban Scholars Program (USP) at six (6) Houston Independent School District (HISD) schools as designated by the Director or Designee. The Contractor performs tasks as follows: 1) administers teacher training, including lesson plans and training students to conduct college level research; 2) designs individual academic plans for students and hold students accountable for completion of plans; and 3) facilitates tutoring and ACT/SAT preparation for student,; 4) sponsors supplemental education activities including, but not limited to, academic retreats, civic engagement opportunities, university campus tours, technology workshops, and skills training; and 5) develops monitoring and evaluation assessments that measure the impact of participation in the USP.

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.

M/WBE Subcontracting:

This contract was issued with a M/WBE zero percentage goal approved by the Office of Business Opportunity.

Fiscal Note:

Funding for this item is included in the FY2024 Adopted Budget. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as stated in the Financial Policies.

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Department Approval Authority

4/2/2024

Estimated Spending Authority			
Departments	FY2024	Out-Years	Total
Houston Health Department	\$450,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$800,000.00

Prior Council Action:

Ordinance No, 2021-0266, passed April 14, 2021

Amount and Source of Funding:

\$800,000.00

Essential Public Health Services

Fund 2010

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Amendment Justification
 RCA L29788 Professional Services Agreement with The Social
 Justice Learning Institute
 Contract No. 4600016588
 Ordinance No. 2021-0266
 Funding Document
 City of Houston Ownership Information Form

Type

Backup Material
 Backup Material
 Contract/Exhibit
 Ordinance/Resolution/Motion
 Financial Information
 Backup Material