

Agenda Report

February 27, 2017

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Public Safety Committee (February 15, 2017)

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE
FLINTRIDGE CENTER FOR PAROLE REINTEGRATION SERVICES**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the recommended action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines per Section 15061 (b)(3), the General Rule that CEQA only applies to a project that may have an effect on the environment;
2. Appropriate \$85,000 from the General Fund unappropriated fund balance to the City Manager's Fiscal Year 2017 operating budget;
3. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for an amount not to exceed \$85,000 without Competitive Bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) (contracts for professional or unique services), with the Flintridge Center for the continuation of the Parole Reintegration Program;
4. Grant the proposed contract an exemption from the Competitive Selection process, pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.049(B) (contracts for which the City's best interests are served).

BACKGROUND:

Reducing incidents of community violence requires a multi-prong strategy, one which encompasses awareness, intervention, and prevention. Additionally, as a result of a recent sentencing reform through Proposition 47, there is a need to add the reintegration of formerly incarcerated persons to this strategy to ensure they do not fall back into anti-social patterns of behavior.

Since March 8, 2010, the Flintridge Center has been focusing on reintegration. The Flintridge Center reintegration program includes monthly resource fairs and programs that provide the following services:

Evidence based life skills training; comprehensive case management; outreach services and referral management; public policy advocacy; apprenticeship preparation; expungement technical assistance and dispute resolution. Since the funding in April of 2016, 468 community members have been provided reintegration services through the program. Of these, 81 are still under case management to assist with the transition back into their community. The majority of the community members receiving services are Pasadena residents. In April, 2016, the Pasadena Police Department received a \$170,000 grant from the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association for the purpose of funding intervention, suppression and prevention. The Flintridge Center was selected as the agency to carry out this work. The current funding will be exhausted at the end of this month.

The City of Pasadena has numerous non-profits that provide a variety of services to formerly incarcerated individuals but only a few offer some of the direct reintegration services provided by the Flintridge Center:

1. Friends Outside

464 E Walnut St

Pasadena CA 91101

- Dad's Back! - Free program for re-entry dads of all ages and who are out of jail or prison for any period of time. Includes four classes: Parenting/Responsible Fatherhood, Healthy Marriages/Healthy Relationships, Job Readiness/Parole to Payroll, and Financial Literacy.
- Incarcerated Parents Program - Helps incarcerated parents develop and maintain positive relationships with their child(ren) during and after incarceration. Includes two types of services: Prevention/Intervention Services for incarcerated parents, and Visitation Services for parents with a current investigation or case.

2. Sources (Union Station Homeless Services)

825 E Orange Grove Blvd

Pasadena CA

- Customized, caring services to overcome employment barriers. Helps job seekers gain the skills they need to achieve self-sufficiency and career advancement.

3. Talk About Parenting with Shirlee Smith

- Provides educational parenting programs to improve and strengthen the quality of family life. Workshops for currently and formerly incarcerated parents are available.

In addition to the providers above, the Foothill Workforce Development Board (FWDB) provides services for formerly incarcerated individuals such as the Adult/Dislocated Worker Career Pathways program which focuses on the implementation of removing

barriers and preparing trainees for specific industries. FWDB offers career services for adults which include the formerly incarcerated population by providing three types of career services: basic services, individualized services and follow-up services. These three programs include assessment and evaluation of any employment barriers; eligibility for supportive assistance; intake services; group counseling and development of an employment plan amongst others.

Currently, Flintridge Center, in association with various City departments, is pursuing the award of Proposition 47 grant funds which would be used to further reintegration efforts. This grant award is expected to occur in June, 2017 with grant receipt some time thereafter. Staff is recommending that the City provide funding for a period of up to five months to avoid a gap in the existing reintegration program. While it is anticipated that Flintridge and the City will be successful in obtaining new grant funds, in the event the grant is not received, staff will reevaluate as to whether ongoing funding should be recommended.

As mentioned above, reintegration efforts is only one element in a successful community violence prevention plan, efforts must also concentrate on awareness, prevention and intervention. Staff is currently reviewing various violence prevention strategies developed in other communities and examining how existing Pasadena programs might be folded into a more coherent local strategy. Staff will present on this effort at future Public Safety Committee meetings.


FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of the proposed action is \$85,000.00 which will be drawn from General Fund unappropriated fund balance.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This contract supports the City Council's goals to ensure public safety. It also supports the Land Use Elements of the General Plan.

Respectfully submitted,



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