

Agenda Report

June 16, 2014

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Public Safety Committee (June 12, 2014)

FROM: Police Department

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE FLINTRIDGE CENTER FOR GANG REDUCTION, INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the proposed action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15061 (b) (3), the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;
2. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Flintridge Center in an amount not to exceed \$398,700 for gang reduction, intervention and prevention services. Competitive bidding is required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002 (F), contracts for professional or unique services.
3. It is further recommended that the City Council grant the proposed contract an exemption from the competitive selection process pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.049 contracts for which the City's best interests are served.

BACKGROUND:

The CalGRIP grant was introduced in 2007 by the California Emergency Management Agency to confront the increase in gang members throughout the state. CalGRIP directs funding toward local anti-gang efforts focused on intervention, suppression and prevention. Since 2007, grants totaling more than \$60 million have been awarded to support efforts to reduce gang and youth violence in California.

The City of Pasadena has been awarded two previous CalGRIP grant awards in 2010 and 2012. The previous grant monies funded mentoring of high-risk students, high school credit reclamation, personal development, apprenticeship preparation and case management for youth and adults in Pasadena. The accomplishments of the previous grants among the participants included reducing gang membership, decreasing school dropout levels, increasing attendance and reducing behavior issues of middle school students, improving personal development, and increasing career opportunities.

In November of 2013, the Pasadena Police Department and the Flintridge Center collaborated on an application for the 2014/2015 CalGRIP grant project. The Flintridge Center was chosen as a potential partner based on the organization's previous involvement with CalGRIP grants and extensive leadership activities in Northwest Pasadena, which includes serving as the lead agency for numerous successful coalitions dedicated to improving the lives and welfare of children and families. Based on this staff is requesting an exemption from the competitive selection process pursuant to P.M.C. Section 4.09.49B, contracts for which the City's best interests are served. In February of 2014, the State of California's Board of Community Corrections notified the City of Pasadena of the grant award in the amount of \$398,700 and the funding period from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015.

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The CalGRIP Pasadena project is an augmentation of an existing reintegration program for formerly incarcerated and gang impacted youth. The project seeks to expand Pasadena's regional reach by partnering with the City of Duarte to provide evidence based reintegration services to the Northwest San Gabriel Valley. This project will incorporate education services from the U.S. Justice Department's comprehensive gang model community mobilization, which recommends involvement of local citizens and community groups to work in collaboration. The Flintridge Center will serve as the lead agency to coordinate community partnerships and the CalGRIP funding will enhance the effort by combining the Pasadena reintegration program with the following strategies:

- Evidence-based life skills training
- Comprehensive, researched based case management
- Expansion of outreach services to include jails community outreach, and referrals to assist individuals outside of case management
- Public policy advocacy aimed at increasing employment and housing opportunities

- Providing technical assistance and support to the City of Duarte accepting referrals for reintegration services

This grant, as submitted for 2014/2015, consists of the following outcomes involving 1,127 adults from the monthly Pasadena/Altadena Reintegration Resource Fair and the Apprenticeship Preparation Program:

- 40 formerly incarcerated/gang impacted individuals will enroll in and receive individual case-management services
- 50% of those receiving case management will enroll in further education or job training, and/or gain employment within 9 months of enrollment
- Less than 30% of those receiving case management will reoffend within 12 months of enrollment (compared to the 12-month recidivism rate in CA of 57%)
- 60 formerly incarcerated/gang-impacted individuals per month will receive hands-on assistance from outreach workers
- 50% of participants will indicate that assistance has made a difference in their physical, emotional, social or mental health/well being
- Formerly incarcerated/gang impacted individuals will complete 16 hours of evidence-based life skills training annually
- 50% of students taking evidence-based life skills training will demonstrate improved life skills after completing training.
- 15 agencies per year, including up to 5 from Duarte and the surrounding area, will enroll in the intervention institute
- 75% of participants in the Intervention Institute will indicate improved awareness and knowledge of effective violence prevention methods.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This action supports the City Council's strategic goal to ensure public safety through the design of a collaborative approach in addressing delinquency prevention and intervention of youth and young adults.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The proposed contract has been reviewed for compliance with the existing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is exempt pursuant to section 15061 b (3).

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost of this action is \$398,700. The funds for this grant have been included in the Police Department's fiscal year 2015 budget and will be appropriated upon budget adoption in June 2014. The Police Department is the City's designated single point of contact for CalGRIP grant processing and tracking of performance objectives.

The \$398,700 cost of the contract will be completely reimbursed by the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention Grant. The grant will include \$25,344 for the City in administrative costs.

Respectfully submitted,

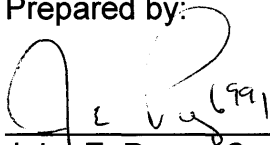


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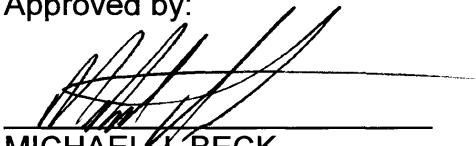
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