



Agenda Report

September 13, 2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Human Resources Department
SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MOBILE HEALTH MEDICAL SERVICES PC FOR COVID-19 TESTING SERVICES FOR EMPLOYEES

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the proposed action is not a "project" subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21065 and Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines and, as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required for this action;
2. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Mobile Health Medical Services PC for COVID-19 testing services in an amount not to exceed \$925,000; and
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(B) contracts for which the City's best interests are served.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Pasadena's COVID-19 Vaccination Policy requires all employees to be vaccinated by September 17, 2021. Employees who are not vaccinated, including those who are partially vaccinated or have an approved medical, disability or religious exemption, are required, as a condition of employment, to be tested for COVID-19 once a week.

On July 28, 2021 the Human Resources Department requested proposals for COVID-19 testing services in order to implement the new COVID-19 Vaccination Policy. A total of five proposals were obtained and Mobile Health Medical Services PC (Mobile Health)

was the lowest bidder with a cost of \$55 per Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test. The nose swab PCR test is an accurate and reliable test for diagnosing COVID-19. None of the proposers is a Pasadena business and none identified in their proposals opening a location in Pasadena.

Mobile Health submitted a thorough proposal that addressed the City's immediate testing needs including its experience providing COVID-19 testing, working with public entities, and offering a software system that enables employees to securely schedule testing appointments and provides designated Human Resources staff access to real-time results.

Mobile Health is partnered with Pandemic Response Lab in Los Angeles, where the PCR test samples will be delivered by vendor and results available within six to twelve hours. Mobile Health will provide onsite testing services to City employees two days a week with two scheduled blocks of time per testing day (morning and afternoon).

Proposer	Headquarters	Cost Proposal per PCR test
Mobile Health Medical Services PC	New York, NY	\$55
COVID Check Today	Los Angeles, CA	\$59
911 COVID Testing	Santa Monica, CA	\$84
Los Angeles COVID Testing	Los Angeles, CA	\$85
Fire Rescue Ambulance	Irwindale, CA	\$100

On August 16, 2021 Council approved the appropriations of \$925,000 from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to cover the anticipated cost of COVID-19 testing for unvaccinated employees for approximately 28 weeks.

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Mobile Health Medical Services PC for testing services in an amount not to exceed \$925,000.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This action supports the City Council's strategic goal to ensure public safety.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of COVID-19 screening testing is an eligible FEMA reimbursement at 100% of costs for all front-line public employees that interact with the public. COVID-19 screening costs for employees not eligible for FEMA reimbursement will be funded with the previously approved \$925,000 of ARPA funds appropriated in the Human Resources Department's FY 2022 General Fund (101) budget.

Respectfully submitted,



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Approved by:



STEVE MERMELL
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