



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Human and Social Needs
AGENDA DATE: May 13, 2020
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All
DEPARTMENT: Office of Homeless Solutions
EXECUTIVE: Nadia Chandler-Hardy

SUBJECT

Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Bridge Steps to provide temporary homeless shelter and dormitory management services for a 400-bed homeless shelter established at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center in order to assist the City's efforts to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 for the period of March 21, 2020 through May 31, 2020; and execute any and all documents required by the contract - Not to exceed \$78,124.00 - Financing: General Fund

BACKGROUND

BridgeSteps (aka "The Bridge") and The Salvation Army ("Lead Organizations") are proposing to provide temporary shelter operations at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center ("KBHCC") for adult men and women experiencing homelessness in accordance with the below plan. These services will be provided by staff who work for an approved nonprofit organization, faith institution or hospital, with staff from homeless service providers getting priority.

Organizational Responsibilities:

The Lead Organizations will ensure the KBHCC is staffed with individuals who work in or have experience in the nonprofit sector, to include faith institutions and hospital systems. Priority will be given to organizations that provide homeless recovery services.

The Bridge will take the lead on shelter operations at KBHCC to include having The Bridge staff onsite during each shift nightly and designating a staff member from The Bridge to serve as the *Nonprofit Workers Lead* to respond to worker inquiries and serve as the point of contact for the City of Dallas Office of Homeless Solutions *Operational Lead*. The Bridge will serve as the contracted partner with the City of Dallas. All funding received for these services will be directed to The Bridge, who will then issue payment to the represented nonprofit partners whose staff work at KBHCC in accordance with established invoicing procedures.

The Salvation Army will take the lead on mobilizing organizations to have their staff sign-up to work at KBHCC, coordinating KBHCC worker sign-ups, confirming workers are part of the approved

network of nonprofit, faith and hospital partners, and communicating pertinent information to the organizations involved in shelter operations.

The Lead Organizations will support each other in fulfilling their respective roles, as needed.

The City of Dallas Office of Homeless Solutions will ensure Dallas Police Department officers or other law enforcement are present at the KBHCC during shelter operations, ensure Dallas Fire and Rescue Emergency Medical Technicians are present to conduct COVID-19 screenings during shelter Intake, and assign an *Operational Lead* nightly to be present during shelter operations. The City of Dallas Office of Homeless Solutions will also be responsible for providing required supplies, to include meals, shower trailers and hygiene supplies, masks and gloves for staff, and cots and linens.

Shelter Operations:

The Lead Organizations will ensure the following responsibilities are completed during shelter operations with the recommended number of staff.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

This item has no prior action.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2020	FY2021	Future Years
General Fund	\$78,124.00	\$0.00	\$0.00