



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Human and Social Needs
AGENDA DATE: September 9, 2020
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All
DEPARTMENT: Office of Community Care
EXECUTIVE: Nadia Chandler-Hardy

SUBJECT

Authorize six subrecipient agreements for mental health programs and services with **(1)** Abounding Prosperity, Inc. in the amount of \$205,500.00; **(2)** Friendship West Baptist Church in the amount of \$228,000.00; **(3)** Harmony Community Development Corporation in the amount of \$152,200.00; **(4)** Homeward Bound, Inc. in the amount of \$119,700.00; **(5)** Texas Health Research and Education Institute in the amount of \$158,300.00; and **(6)** Youth 180, Inc. in the amount of \$66,071.00 for the period of September 1, 2020 (or upon contract execution) through December 31, 2020 - Total not to exceed \$929,771.00 - Financing: U.S. Department of Treasury Coronavirus Relief Funds

BACKGROUND

The COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic downturn have negatively impacted the mental health of our community and created new and exacerbated existing barriers to accessing care and support. A recent Kaiser Family Foundation poll showed that 45 percent of adults in the United States have reported that their mental health has been negatively impacted from stress caused by the virus and pandemic. Many necessary public health measures designed to contain and mitigate spread are linked to poor mental health outcomes, like isolation. Research shows that social isolation and loneliness are linked to poor mental health. Additionally, for the thousands of Dallas residents who have lost their jobs, job loss can be associated with anxiety, depression, distress and low self-esteem. Among the most impacted and highest risk of negative mental health impact include seniors, households with children and adolescents, and individuals who have lost their jobs or are otherwise income insecure (KFF 2020). Additionally, communities of color have been more heavily impacted by COVID-19 (DCHHS 2020).

In order to address these needs, the City of Dallas allocated a portion of funding from the CARES Coronavirus Relief Funding to support local nonprofit organizations in the implementation of mental health programming. Services were sought to support 1) Access to Mental Health Services for Highly Impacted, Underserved Populations and Communities of Color and 2) Education and Lay-Person Training Aimed at Breaking Down Stigma and Increasing Awareness of Mental Health Issues, Needs and Available Resources.

The City issued a Request for Applications to solicit potential subrecipients to administer these programs. Subrecipients were required to target one or more of the below target populations:

- Individuals living in communities with high prevalence of COVID-19
- Seniors (ages 60+)
- Households with adolescents and children
- Individuals who have been impacted by job loss or are otherwise income insecure due to COVID-19
- Populations identified in the “Drivers of Poverty” report
- Populations that have been historically underserved by mental and behavioral health programming (Applicant should include research documenting the needs of their identified target population)
- Individuals residing in zip codes that have been identified as having high COVID impact / being high risk

SUBRECIPIENT SELECTION PROCESS

A three-member panel reviewed and scored the applications representing the below departments:

1	Office of Community Care	(1)
2	Office of Equity	(1)
3	Office of Resilience	(1)

Applications were evaluated according to the below points allocations. Within the below allocations, specific points in the scoring were allocated to the organization’s demonstrated capacity to expend funding and deliver services in a timely manner and organization’s demonstrated ability to reach and serve identified target populations.

Organizational Capacity	Program and Budget
40 pts	60 pts.

As part of the selection process and in an effort to increase the number of applications, the Office of Community Care worked with the Office of Procurement Services (OPS) to send out 1,536 email notifications to vendors, including nonprofits, registered under respective commodities using the OPS procurement system.

Due to the expenditure deadlines related to CARES Act Funding, the RFA was posted for approximately two weeks. A total of 18 submissions were received with one being determined nonresponsive.

The City received the following proposals from the solicitation:

1. Abounding Prosperity, Inc.
2. AZAR Foundation
3. Big Thought
4. Brother Bill's Helping Hand
5. Communities in Schools Dallas Region
6. First Presbyterian Church of Dallas dba the Stewpot
7. Friendship West Baptist Church
8. Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas
9. Harmony Community Development Corporation
10. Heard That Foundation
11. Homeward Bound Inc.
12. Hope City Ministries
13. Mental Health America of Greater Dallas
14. The ARK Group
15. Texas Health Research and Education Institute
16. Well Community
17. Youth 180, Inc.
18. 4 Body N Soul (nonresponsive)

The following organizations were selected to receive funding:

Organization	Rank (Scoring Average)	Request Amount	Award Amount	Percentage of Request
Harmony Community Development Corporation	1 (90.8)	\$168,934.00	\$152,200.00	90%
Brother Bill's Helping Hands	2 (89.0)	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	88%
Abounding Prosperity, Inc.	3 (87.7)	\$242,000.00	\$205,500.00	85%
First Presbyterian Church of Dallas dba the Stewpot	4 (85.3)	\$ 60,286.00	\$ 48,229.00	80%
Texas Health Research and Education Institute	5 (85.2)	\$200,098.00	\$158,300.00	79%
Friendship West Baptist Church	6 (84.7)	\$290,500.00	\$228,000.00	78%
Homeward Bound, Inc.	7 (82.3)	\$156,300.00	\$119,700.00	77%
Youth 180, Inc.	8 (81.8)	\$ 84,419.00	\$ 66,071.00	76%

OWNER

Abounding Prosperity, Inc.

Kirk Meyers, Chief Executive Officer

Friendship West Baptist Church

Brenda Wall, PhD, Pastor of Counseling

Harmony Community Development Corporation

Mark Porter, Executive Director

Homeward Bound, Inc.

Douglas Denton, Executive Director

Texas Health Research and Education Institute

Teresa Turbeville, Senior Director Research

Youth 180, Inc.

Keri Stitt, Executive Director

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

The Ad-Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery was briefed via memo on September 3, 2020.

On June 17, 2020, City Council was briefed on the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) funds to facilitate assistance to eligible communities and households economically impacted by COVID-19.

On April 22, 2020, City Council authorized the acceptance of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) to aid the COVID-19 response throughout the city by Resolution No. 20-0644.

City Council will be briefed by memorandum regarding this matter on September 2, 2020.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2020	FY 2021	Future Years
U.S. Department of Treasury Coronavirus Relief Funds	\$0.00	\$929,771.00	\$0.00