



Legislation Text

File #: 23-1432, **Version:** 2

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Housing & Homelessness Solutions

AGENDA DATE: June 14, 2023

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All

DEPARTMENT: Office of Homeless Solutions

EXECUTIVE: Kimberly Bizer Tolbert

SUBJECT

Authorize the **(1)** ratification in the amount of \$545,116.43 to pay outstanding invoices due to Family Endeavors, Inc. dba Endeavors for encampment sheltering services from January 27, 2023 through May 26, 2023; and **(2)** execution of a contract with Family Endeavors, Inc. dba Endeavors for services in the amount of \$1,090,232.86 for encampment sheltering services due to the closure and decommissioning of a homeless encampment - Total not to exceed \$1,635,349.29 - Financing: General Fund

BACKGROUND

This item allows for the ratification of the procurement of encampment sheltering services related to the necessary decommissioning of a certain encampment to protect the health and safety of Dallas residents. The purpose of this decommissioning was to provide a holistic solution to address homelessness sustainably by closing the site located at 1613 Baylor Street, 2912 Hickory Street, 2633 Hickory Street, the 2600 block of Hickory Street, 2600 block of Dawson Street, 2600 block of Louise Avenue, 1600 block of Chestnut Street, 1600 block of Baylor street and 1700 block of Baylor Street on January 27, 2023, via the Dallas R.E.A.L. Time Rapid Rehousing Initiative (DRTRR). Along with a history of criminal activity in this area, recent events heightened the existing public safety concerns, shared with us by law enforcement. Due to the increase in documented criminal activity, the Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) was directed by the City Manager to close these sites immediately.

Because the planned decommissioning of this site was originally scheduled for February 2023, the OHS and its partners were able to collaboratively offer and connect all area unsheltered residents to services via the DRTRR. Official notification of closure was given to the unsheltered residents on Friday, January 20, 2023, informing them of the necessity to remove all personal belongings and property from the site by January 27, 2023. All remaining property and debris deemed abandoned and / or hazardous was removed by the City of Dallas on the date of closure. Storage for personal belongings not deemed hazardous and / or abandoned, if any, was to be provided by OHS.

Due to the truncated nature of this closure as recommended to OHS by law enforcement, individuals were transported to a secondary, secure location for shelter and case management via the DRTRR, for placement into permanent housing. Those who chose to move to area shelters or be connected to other pathways to housing via diversionary efforts such as family reunification, veteran services, or job training were to be connected to those services. Individuals refusing the opportunity to receive services were notified that the area was to be cleared and remain so indefinitely upon closure.

As part of the overall strategy, a security plan was developed and implemented to ensure the safety of city employees and the unsheltered individuals during the process. City Marshal's and the Dallas Police Department were on-site on January 27th to ensure the safety of everyone involved in this effort. Interference with city workers, threats, and or violence were not to be tolerated, and any violations of the law were to result in immediate arrest.

Since closure of the site, staff has continued to monitor the area to ensure that it remains closed and provide an after-action report to the City Council.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

This item has no prior action.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2023	FY 2024	Future Years
General Fund	\$1,635,349.29	\$0.00	\$0.00

M/WBE INFORMATION

In accordance with the City's Business Inclusion and Development Policy adopted on September 23, 2020, by Resolution No. 20-1430, as amended, the M/WBE participation on this contract is as follows:

Contract Amount	Procurement Category	M/WBE Goal
1,635,349.29	Emergency Ratifications	N/A
M/WBE Subcontracting %	M/WBE Overall %	M/WBE Overall Participation \$
N/A	N/A	N/A
• The Business Inclusion and Development Policy does not apply to Emergency Ratifications		

PROCUREMENT INFORMATION

The following bids were received on January 26, 2023:

*Denotes successful bidder

Bidder

Bid Amount

*Family Endeavors, Inc. dba Endeavors
6363 De Zavala Road
San Antonio, TX 78249

\$1,635,349.29

DRC Emergency Services
6702 Broadway Street
Galveston, TX 77554

Non-responsive

The Salvation Army of North Texas
5302 Harry Hines Boulevard
Dallas, TX 75235

Non-responsive

OWNER

Family Endeavors, Inc. dba Endeavors

Chip Fulghum, President