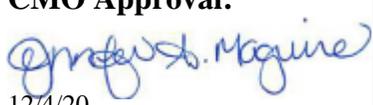


**CITY COUNCIL ACTION REQUEST**

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| <b>Department(s):</b><br>Housing        | <b>CEQA:</b><br>Not a Project, File No. PP17-003,<br>Agreements/Contracts (New or Amended) resulting in no physical changes to the environment | <b>Coordination:</b><br>CAO, Budget Office | <b>Dept. Approval:</b><br>/s/ Jacky Morales-Ferrand  |
| <b>Council District(s):</b><br>Citywide |  |  | <b>CMO Approval:</b><br><br>12/4/20 |

**SUBJECT: AGREEMENTS WITH THE HEALTH TRUST AND NEXT DOOR SOLUTIONS TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FOR HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS – VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Director of Housing to negotiate and execute no cost extensions to the following agreements:

- (a) Second Amendment to the grant agreement with The Health Trust, dated January 1, 2020 and extending to June 30, 2021, without increasing compensation to continue providing housing assistance and supportive services to low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS who are homeless as a result of domestic violence.
- (b) Third Amendment to the grant agreement with Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence, dated January 1, 2020 and extending to June 30, 2021, without increasing compensation to continue to provide housing assistance and supportive services to low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS who are homeless as a result of domestic violence.

**BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval will enable The Health Trust (THT) and Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence (Next Door) to continue using funding made available from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids – Violence Against Women Act (HOPWA-VAWA) program. The program provides housing assistance and supportive services to low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS who are homeless, or in need of transitional housing or other housing assistance, as a result of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking; and for whom emergency shelter services or other crisis intervention services are unavailable or insufficient.

In August 2015, HUD's Office of HIV/AIDS Housing (OHH) joined the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) to release a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). The NOFA sought proposals to provide housing assistance and supportive services to low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS who are homeless, or in need of transitional housing or other housing assistance, as a result of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking; and for whom emergency shelter services or other crisis intervention services are unavailable or insufficient.

The Housing Department sought partners interested in applying for the HOPWA-VAWA project demonstration grant. THT and Next Door were both interested in applying for funding to help determine the service needs for this vulnerable population, and to help provide the requested services. No other agencies expressed an interest in partnering on this proposal. The Housing Department has a long history of working with both agencies to successfully implement programs and comply with federal funding requirements. In collaboration with THT and Next Door, the Housing Department submitted an application in March 2016. The City was notified of the award in June 2016 and received the grant agreements from HUD in October.

On December 13, 2016, the City Council authorized the Director of Housing to negotiate and execute agreements with THT in the amount of \$1,059,300 and Next Door in the amount of \$192,215 for the HOPWA-VAWA Project Demonstration grants that enabled the provision of housing assistance and supportive services to victims of domestic violence living with human immunodeficiency virus infection and/or acquired immune deficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS). The City entered into such agreements for the agencies to provide services over a three -year term from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019. Both grant agreements received no cost extensions to continue services from January 1, 2020 and are set to expire on December 31, 2020.

HUD has notified jurisdictions that extensions of HOPWA-VAWA project demonstration grants are available in order to allow more time to spend the funds and support the households in the program. The Housing Department has requested an extension from HUD from January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021. The Housing Department and both agencies have developed a month-by-month projection for the remaining funds and expect to expend all remaining funds by June 30, 2021. The Council's approval of the no-costs grant extensions will allow the City and its non-profit partners to continue using funding made available in the HOPWA-VAWA program provide housing assistance and supportive services to low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS who are homeless.

Climate Smart San Jose: The recommendation in this memo has no effect on Climate Smart San José energy, water, or mobility goals.

**COST AND FUNDING SOURCE:**

The original funding for these contracts were fully encumbered by 2019-2020. The City will not incur any additional costs by the extension of these agreements through June 30, 2021.

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