



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 07/13/2021

REQUESTER: Lisa D. Krieg

PRESENTER: Lisa D. Krieg, CDBG Grants Manager

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2122-17: A CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 FUNDED BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR THE NORMAN NEIGHBORS ACTIVITIES.

BACKGROUND:

In the summer of 2020 Mayor Breea Clark assembled the Mayor's Task Force of over 50 individuals representing the population of Norman to explore various subjects as a result of the comments that were received during the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (FYE2021) Budget Process. This group met multiple times over a six-month period and heard presentations from selected entities on a wide range of subjects regarding opportunities that the City of Norman had to improve interactions with the public.

After the presentation to the Mayor's Task Force, a presentation was made to the Council Business and Community Affairs Committee on April 1, 2021 and a City Council Study Session was held on May 25, 2021. Questions and comments received from each of these presentations were utilized in the development of this proposed contract.

Neighborhood Alliance has two separate annual contracts with the City of Oklahoma City for the services they provide. One contract is with the Oklahoma City Planning Department and is very similar to the contract proposed for the City of Norman and the second is with the Oklahoma City Police Department for specific crime prevention activities. At this time, staff is only proposing a contract with the Norman Planning Department for educational and organizing activities.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed contract represents a total of \$100,000 for activities described within the contract. The Norman Neighbors Program is a re-visioning initiative in Norman and is tasked with finding the right people, with the right skills to ultimately create a safer and more nurturing City for all; one that, among other things, could lessen unwarranted police interaction. In addition to the attached Contract K-2122-17 is the proposal that Neighborhood Alliance initially submitted, which describes the opportunities and strategies that they will utilize. The final contract did not

include all the items described within the proposal but does allow for a wide variety of services that the citizens of Norman can participate in. As time and funding allow, activities may be expanded.

The proposal includes employment of a new staff person by Neighborhood Alliance who will be primarily responsible for the Norman activities, but will have the resources of the entire Neighborhood Alliance staff and Board of Directors at their disposal for support.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff has reviewed the proposed contract and recommends approval of Contract K-2122-17 in the amount of \$100,000 to Neighborhood Alliance of Central Oklahoma, Inc. Funds are available in the General Fund, City Council, Other Business Services (account 10110101 44199).