



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Request for Council Action – Approving a Personal Services Contract with the Community Services Consortium

Preferred Agenda: September 12, 2023

Submitted By: Kelcey Young, City Manager

Reviewed By: Kelcey Young, City Manager

Type of Action: Resolution ___ Motion ___ Roll Call __X__ Other ___

Relevant Code/Policy: City Budget

Towards Council Goal: Fiscal Responsibility

Attachments: Contract for City of Sweet Home-ESG-CV

Purpose of this RCA:

Approve and give the City Manager Authority to Sign the Personal Services Contract with Community Services Consortium (CSC).

Background/Context:

The City of Sweet Home has been working with the community and multiple agencies on creating programs and initiatives to support those experiencing homelessness as well as supporting all members of our community with clean and safe streets.

Linn County reached out to support the City of Sweet Home and to provide funding that is remaining from the ESG-CV grant to be distributed through the Community Services Consortium for up to \$610,708.

This funding is very specific and can only be used to reimburse certain City expenses such as salaries for outreach and security, and purchase certain equipment to be used for outreach and homelessness support. The funding must be expended by September 30, 2023, and all purchases need to be invoiced by that date.

The Challenge/Problem:

The City is experiencing an increase in homelessness which requires more resources for the City to be able to continue to mitigate. Additional resources are needed for outreach, storage, and other basic amenities.

Stakeholders:

1. **Citizens**: Having better amenities supports those community members experiencing homelessness, and having cleaner streets and more outreach helps keep the community clean and safe.
2. **Elected Council**: Providing reimbursed funding, supports the health of our general fund and allows elected officials to review additional projects and resources for other City initiatives.
3. **Professional Staff**: Having better resources allows for cleaner streets, equipment to increase outreach, and more funding to help staff mitigate homelessness concerns.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

1. This agreement provides for up to \$610,708 in increased revenue. Staff is currently working through a combination of reimbursements and new equipment with an estimate of up to \$300,000 being reimbursed into the general fund, and \$310,708 in new equipment to mitigate homelessness concerns.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

Additional funding and support can help support cleaner streets, better outreach, and additional equipment for homeless overflow sites.

Options:

1. Do Nothing
2. Make a Motion to approve the contract and authorize the City Manager to sign.
3. Suggest a different option

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council choose option #2 Make a Motion to approve the contract and authorize the City Manager to Sign.