



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
April 27, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager  
Submitted by: Liam Garland, Director, Public Works  
Subject: Contract No. 31900031 Amendment: Downtown Streets Team

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to amend Contract No. 31900031 with Downtown Streets Team to add additional scope to address enhanced needs for services around encampments and neighborhoods, and increase the contract by \$50,000 for a new not to exceed amount of \$920,304.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

General Fund Measure P funding was appropriated in the First Amendment to the FY 2021 Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Downtown Streets Team (DST) works cooperatively with local community agencies to ensure local, low-income and homeless residents have access to, and receive training for, jobs created by this contract. DST works extensively with the low income, un-housed community, promoting self-sufficiency through job training and leadership opportunities to rebuild effective work habits as well as providing assistance in securing permanent housing. This additional funding will provide Downtown Streets Team with the opportunity to hire two Streets Team Enterprises C.A.R.E Fellows to address enhanced needs for services around encampments and in impacted neighborhoods.

The Fellow Encampment Liaison(s) will provide skilled rapport building with residents both housed and unhoused. They will supply encampments with garbage bags and offer to clean up debris deemed as garbage. DST and City staff are working to identify target areas and hot spots for these enhances services.

BACKGROUND

Since August, 2018 DST has supported the City's Clean City Program by hand sweeping to remove excess leaves, litter, and trash from sidewalks and gutters throughout the City; ensuring that the Clean City Program meets standards of cleanliness and safety and promoting beautification of the City's commercial districts.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The Clean City Program is an integral part of the City's Zero Waste Goal. Additionally the Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit (MRP) requires the City to reduce the amount of trash flowing into local waterways and the Bay via the City's storm drainage system. As required by the MRP, the Public Works Department has installed over 400 Full Trash Capture Devices (FTCDs) in catch basins throughout the City with the majority concentrated in the City's commercial districts. Hand sweeping to remove excess leaves, litter, and debris from sidewalks and gutters is an effective way to prevent these items from getting into the City's storm drainage system and reduces the amount of trash that is caught in the FTCDs which minimizes the frequency of maintenance required to be performed by Public Works staff on the FTCDs.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Additional funding will allow Downtown Streets Team to expand their programs to address enhanced needs for services around encampments and neighborhoods.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachment:  
1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT NO. 31900031 AMENDMENT: DOWNTOWN STREETS TEAM

WHEREAS, in August, 2018 City Council authorized Resolution No. 68,497 N.S. authorizing Contract No. 31900031 with Downtown Streets Team for leaf and litter removal and related services; and

WHEREAS, in September, 2020 City Council Resolution No. 69,545 N.S. authorized Contract Amendment No. 31900031 with Downtown Streets Team to add additional scope of work to provide a low-barrier Volunteer Work Experience model in which unhoused participants beautify their community in exchange for case management, employment services and non-cash basic needs support and extend the Contract term through June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Downtown Streets Team is an organization committed to helping low-income and un-housed members in the local community achieve health and self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, additional funding will allow Downtown Streets Team to hire two Streets Team Enterprises C.A.R.E Fellows to address enhanced needs for services in neighborhoods and around encampment hot spots; and

WHEREAS, General Fund Measure P funding was appropriated in the First Amendment to the FY 2021 Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or her designee is authorized to execute an amendment to Contract No. 31900031 with Downtown Streets Team to add additional scope of work to address enhanced needs for services in neighborhoods and around encampments, and increase the contract by \$50,000 for a new not to exceed amount of \$920,304.