

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM: 3.7
(ID # 9977)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

FROM : PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES (DPSS): Approve the Professional Services Agreement with BEK Impact Inc. for the Driving Better Outcomes Program, effective upon execution and ending 12-months thereafter, with an option to renew annually for four additional years, through June 30, 2024, Districts: 1, 2 and 5. [Total Cost \$675,000, and up to \$67,500, for Additional Compensation Provisions; Source of funds 40.7% Federal Funding; 1.5% State Funding; 57.8% Realignment]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Professional Services Agreement #DPSS-0000809 with BEK Impact Inc. for the Driving Better Outcomes Program for an annual amount of \$150,000, effective upon execution and ending 12-months thereafter; with an option to renew for four additional one year periods, through June 30, 2024; and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the Agreement on behalf of the County.
2. Approve and authorize the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) to grant an advance of funding to BEK Impact Inc. for \$18,750, in accordance with Agreement DPSS-0000809; and
3. Authorize the Purchasing Agent, in accordance with Ordinance No. 459.6, based on the availability of fiscal funding and as approved by County Counsel to: (a) sign amendments that exercise the options of the agreement including modifications of the statement of work that stays within the intent of the Agreement; and (b) sign amendments to the compensation provisions that do not exceed the sum total of ten percent (10%) of the total annual cost of the Agreement.

ACTION:Policy


Sarah S Mack, Asst. County Executive Officer 9/20/2019

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 75,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 675,000	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Federal Funding: 40.7%; State Funding: 1.5%; Realignment Funding: 57.8%;			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	19/20 – 23/24

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

In an effort to improve outcomes for children and families of color within the Child Welfare system, Children’s Services Division (CSD) is seeking to implement advocacy services and tailor treatment plan services that recognize that these families may experience disparities and disproportionalities that may lead to barriers in the re-unification of families within a 12-month period. The impacts of disproportionate challenges and treatment could result in trauma and lifelong negative impacts on the affected children and families.

To address the issue, CSD established the Cultural Disparity and Disproportionality (CDD) Initiative to identify and implement strategies to reduce disparities and disproportionality within the services and treatment plans provided to children of color. One result of the CDD Initiative was the proposal to create a Driving Better Outcomes Program (DBOP) to address the growing concerns of the over-representation of children of color within the Riverside County Child Welfare system.

This Professional Services Agreement is to aid CSD and provide services to gain a better understanding of cultural norms, beliefs and practices, while providing an advocate that will assist the family in navigating the Child Welfare system. The goals of the Driving Better Outcomes Program are to address disparate treatment among children and families of color in the Child Welfare system; to increase the quality of the relationship between the Child Welfare agency and the families and community it serves, and provide support to the families. Driving Better Outcomes Program (DBOP) staff are members of the community that advocate as well as navigate for the families of the same culture. They should have extensive knowledge base on the family’s cultural background. DBOP staff will work with families to reduce cultural misunderstandings and provide advocacy services to support families that are at risk of involvement with the Child Welfare system.

DBOP staff will be trained in child welfare program activities, policy mandates, and best practices for achieving positive outcomes and will partner with Child Welfare agencies to ensure that culturally appropriate services are provided. DBOP staff will work with the Children’s Services Division (CSD) team to advance the overall well-being for at-risk children by

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empowering families to actively participate in service planning, identify barriers to services, and make key decisions on behalf of their family.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

This community based, Driving Better Outcomes Program introduced in Riverside County will be piloted in the Metro region (Riverside and Moreno Valley) to assist families of color in the Child Welfare system; to facilitate communication and understanding between Child Welfare agency and the families it serves, as well as the community to achieve strong outcomes for children.

Additional Fiscal Information

The annual cost for FY 2019/2020 will be \$75,000. BEK Impact Inc. has requested an advance of \$18,750 (25% of the initial maximum reimbursable annual amount) for the initial start-up costs to hire additional staff and pay salaries. With each monthly billing, beginning with the first invoice following the execution of this agreement, COUNTY will recoup the advance based on the percentage of service dollars used. At a minimum, 1/10 of the advance payment will be recouped per month.

Funding for this Agreement was budgeted through the normal County budgeting process. No budget adjustment is necessary.

Contract History and Price Reasonableness

On November 28, 2018, Riverside County Purchasing on behalf of DPSS released a Request for Proposal (RFP) #DPARC-560 for Cultural Broker Services. The RFP was posted on the Public Purchase website. Thirty-four (34) potential vendors accessed the bid, which resulted in twenty (20) vendors downloading the RFP and other related documents. The RFP closed January 30, 2019, with three (3) proposals received in response to the RFP. These proposals were evaluated based on their scope of work, experience, and proposed price.

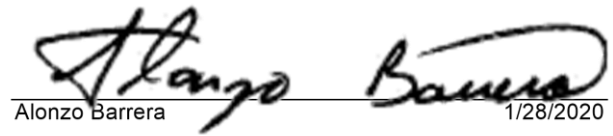
The evaluation committee reviewed each proposal and conducted in-person interviews of each. After thoroughly reviewing all components, the evaluation committee believes BEK Impact Inc. to be the most responsive and responsible vendor based on their experience serving families, knowledge of the community being served, the needs of clients to be referred/served, and the skills to advocate on behalf of the families and children. The submitted proposal has been reviewed and determined to be fair and reasonable for this project.

ATTACHMENT:

ATTACHMENT A Agreement #DPSS-0000809 with BEK Impact Inc. (3 copies)

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Tina Grande, Assistant Purchasing Director 10/28/2019


Alonzo Barrera 1/28/2020


Gregory J. Priamos, Director County Counsel 11/1/2019