THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: November 15, 2022

Subject: Reparations Project Management Contract Assignment

Staff Resource(s): Brenda Mills, Director - Equity & Inclusion Department

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution to authorize the City Council to assign the Reparations Project Management Contract with TEQuity, LLC to Amplify Consulting, LLC dba Civility Localized.

Background:

- On July 14, 2020, City Council adopted Resolution No. 20-128 in support of community reparations.
- The City of Asheville issued a Request for Proposals to solicit a professional project manager to provide comprehensive management, coordination and support services for reparations.
- On September 14, 2021, the Asheville City Council authorized the project management contract with TEQuity LLC.
- As a result, the City and TEQuity LLC entered into a formal agreement (Resolution No. 21-199).
- The contract provides for professional project management services including comprehensive management, coordination and support services throughout the development and work of the Community Reparations Commission in coordination with city staff.
- Due to capacity constraints associated with the company president accepting a full time position with another agency, TEQuity LLC wishes to assign this contract and responsibility to a separate entity and requires consent of the City for the assignment.
- Assignment of the agreement will allow for the contract scope of service and price to remain unchanged, as well avoiding any interruption in the project management of the Reparations Commission work,
- This assignment will reallocate the project management responsibility for this contract from TEQuity LLC to a new entity, Amplify Consulting, LLC dba Civility Localized.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- Staff performed outreach to minority and women-owned businesses in 2021 through a solicitation process which included posting on the State's Interactive Purchasing System, the City of Asheville website, the City of Asheville Twitter account, and requiring RFP respondents to reach out to Minority & Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) service providers for subcontracted services.
- During preparation for advertising this contract, the contract was shared with the Business Inclusion Manager in the Community & Economic Development Department who also served on the City RFP evaluation team.
- Out of the nine (9) proposals received, all self-identified as minority business owners.
- The entity being assigned the contract is also a woman and minority owned business.

Council Goal(s):

- Reparations

Committee(s):

- N/A

Pro(s):

- Allows for the continuation of the professional project management of comprehensive management, coordination and support services throughout the development and work of the Reparations Commission in coordination with city staff.
- The professional project manager has worked previously with the City on the Reimagining Public Safety and Equity-Focused Budget Engagement.
- Maintains previously approved scope of services and contract price.

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- The assignment will not require additional City funding, as the new vendor will assume the same contract scope and contract price established in September 2021.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to authorize the City Manager to assign the Reparations Commission Project Management contract with TEQuity LLC to Amplify Consulting, LLC dba Civility Localized, and to authorize an amendment to the contract to reflect the assignment.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 22-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE AND TEQUITY, LLC TO AMPLIFY CONSULTING, LLC DBA CIVILITY LOCALIZED

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has authority pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes to enter into contracts for services with other entities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville and TEQuity LLC entered into a professional project management contract on September 14, 2021 per Resolution No. 21-199,

WHEREAS, the City continues to require professional project management services to provide comprehensive management, coordination and support services throughout the development and work of the Reparations Commission in coordination with city staff; and

WHEREAS, TEQuity LLC has now requested the City's consent to assign the professional management contract to a separate entity known as Amplify Consulting, LLC dba Civility Localized; and

WHEREAS, this assignment will allow for the continued professional project management of the Reparations Commission, maintaining the current contract scope of services and price;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

1. The City Council authorizes the assignment of the contract for project management services between the City of Asheville and TEQuity LLC to Amplify Consulting, LLC dba Civility Localized, and hereby authorizes the amendment of the contract to reflect the assignment.

2. All remaining contract provisions, clauses, warranties and obligations shall remain unchanged.

Read, approved and adopted this the 15th day of November, 2022.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney