THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: May 10, 2022

Subject: Funding for Homeless Services Consultant

Staff Resource(s): Nikki Reid, Community and Economic Development Director
Emily Ball, Homeless Services System Performance Lead

Action Requested: Approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Dogwood Health Trust to accept funding for a contract with a Homeless Services consultant; and approval of a budget amendment in the City's Special Revenue Fund to accept $72,974 from Dogwood Health Trust and allocate $72,974 to a contract with a Homeless Services consultant.

Background:

- Unsheltered homelessness has increased substantially during the pandemic.
- The City of Asheville, Buncombe County, and Dogwood Health Trust have formed a collaborative to better understand and address unsheltered homelessness.
- Dogwood Health Trust has offered to fund a consultancy to bring national expertise to conduct a comprehensive needs assessment and develop responsive strategies to effectively address unsheltered homelessness.
- A Request for Proposals was published to identify a consulting partner, and 11 proposals were submitted.
- City of Asheville, Buncombe County, and Dogwood Health Trust staff participated in the selection process to evaluate proposals.
- The National Alliance to End Homelessness has been selected as the successful proposer based on the depth and breadth of their expertise and their proposed approach to the project.
- The City will serve as the contracting point of contact.
- The contract amount will not exceed $72,974.
- Following contract execution, the consultancy is expected to begin in May and conclude in December 2022.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- The Request for Proposals was published February 14, 2022, and was distributed widely through local and national networks.

Council Goal(s):

- Quality affordable housing

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- Creates opportunity to bring national leadership to the local level to assess community needs, engage with community stakeholders, and identify actionable solutions to the complex and critical issue of unsheltered homelessness.

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- Requested action will accept full funding from Dogwood Health Trust for the contract with the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Dogwood Health Trust to accept funding for a contract with the National Alliance to End Homelessness.
- Motion to approve a budget amendment in the City's Special Revenue Fund in the amount of $72,974 to accept funding from Dogwood Health Trust and utilize that funding for a contract with the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution
- Budget Ordinance

RESOLUTION NO. 22-____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DOGWOOD HEALTH TRUST TO ACCEPT FUNDING FOR A HOMELESS SERVICES CONSULTANT

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has authority pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A-11 and 160A-240.1 to acquire grants for use by the City or any department of the City; and

WHEREAS, unsheltered homelessness has increased during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Dogwood Health Trust has offered to fund a consultancy to create actionable strategies to address unsheltered homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has agreed to serve as the contracting point of contact;

WHEREAS, the National Alliance to End Homelessness has been selected through competitive bid process to provide this consultancy pursuant to a contract in the amount of $72,974;

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

City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Dogwood Health Trust to accept funding for a homeless services consultancy in the amount of $72,974.

Read, approved and adopted this the 10th day of May, 2022.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. _____

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

That Section 2 of the City of Asheville Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget Ordinance be amended to provide an appropriation of $72,974 as follows:

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Revenues:

Dogwood Health Trust	$72,974
Total Revenues	$72,974

Appropriations:

Contract - Homeless Services Consultant	$72,974

That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon the date of final passage.

Read, approved and adopted this 10th day of May, 2022.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney