



Department Source: Public Health and Human Services

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: October 16, 2017

Re: Agreement for the Purchase of Social Services

Executive Summary

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement between the City of Columbia and the Columbia Interfaith Resource Center (dba Columbia Alliance to Combat Homelessness) for the purchase of overnight emergency shelter services, in an amount not to exceed \$39,700.00.

Discussion

The Department of Public Health and Human Services administers the City of Columbia process for the purchase of social services. Utilizing funding from a social services contract which was not renewed in FY2017, a request for proposals for overnight emergency shelter services, for persons experiencing homelessness, was issued on August 9, 2017. One proposal was received from the Columbia Interfaith Resource Center (dba Columbia Alliance to Combat Homelessness) for the Room at the Inn program.

Staff recommends entering this agreement as it will sustain the availability of critical, cold weather emergency shelter services in the community. In addition, entering an agreement with this provider, through the standard social services contracting process, will make it unnecessary for the provider to approach the City Council for funding directly, as it has done in the past.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: This General Fund expenditure was anticipated as part of the FY2017 budget. No additional appropriation is necessary.

Long-Term Impact: None.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impacts

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Social Equity, Secondary Impact: Public Safety, Tertiary Impact: Economy

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable



City of Columbia

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Legislative History

Date	Action
Not applicable.	Not applicable.

Suggested Council Action

Should the Council agree with the staff recommendation, an affirmative vote is in order.