

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: * Amend a contract with Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. to increase the not to exceed amount to \$1,613,724 and to extend the expiration date until June 30, 2019 to provide mental health clinician services (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30003831)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

This ordinance will allow the continuance of our Behavioral Health Unit's (BHU) Project Respond. Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. currently provides three Qualified Mental Health Professionals (clinicians) to the BHU, to ride along with uniformed police officers in patrol cars and provide on-scene mental health assessment and evaluation as part of Project Respond.

This partnership provides linkage to social service resources and uses a proprietary database to identify and follow up with individuals who are generating frequent police contact due to a mental health or emotional crisis.

Currently, the contract is set to expire on June 30, 2018. The funds available on the contract are almost exhausted, and the BHU also wanted to add language to the contract to ensure consistency and continuity in clinician support of the project. Cascadia Healthcare, Inc., wanted to revise the contract to cover normal increases in clinician salaries and training expenses. The ordinance allows the Police Bureau to increase the value of its contract with Cascadia to accurately reflect the ongoing costs of providing this necessary and extremely important service to the community.

This ordinance represents the fourth time this contract has been amended. Amendment 3 was authorized by Ordinance 187868 in 2016.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

The City and Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare wish to renew for one-year their existing contract for these services beginning July 1, 2018. If not renewed, the contract expires on June 30, 2018; its current not to exceed amount is \$1,088,076. This amendment extends the contract for an additional year. The additional amount required for the upcoming year is \$525,648 which will increase the not to exceed amount to \$1,613,724.

Ongoing General Fund appropriation for this purpose is included in the Police Bureau budget.

Community impacts and community involvement:

These types of mental health services are a requirement of the Police Bureau's agreement with U.S. Department of Justice. The bureau has been developing this program for many years and has seen many benefits in various communities throughout the City.

This program is designed to mitigate some of the negative impacts traditionally seen between law enforcement and people in mental crisis. The Project provides qualified mental health professionals at critical contact points, and allows us access to data on individuals who have had prior contact while in crisis. While no community members were involved in the development of this amendment, the contract in and of itself establishes great partnership between the bureau and an outside service provider in order to best serve one of Portland's most vulnerable populations.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

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Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount