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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 17, 2022

DATE: Thursday, May 12, 2022

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve an Agreement for Professional Services between Washoe County and Volunteers of America, Greater Sacramento and Northern Nevada (VOA) to provide contracted staffing to operate the Nevada Cares Campus through June 30th, 2024, for an amount not to exceed \$6,500,0000 annually; if approved, authorize the Purchasing & Contracts Manager to execute the agreement beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024 with the option to renew for three (3) one-year periods thereafter up to \$6,500,000 annually. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

RFP-3184-22 for Nevada Cares Campus Operator was released by Washoe County Purchasing on February 18, 2022 and was closed on March 25, 2022. A total of two (2) proposals were received and evaluated. VOA was the highest scoring proposal. As the highest scoring proposal, contract negotiations have resulted in the proposed Professional Services Agreement.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations: Address homelessness with a regional approach.

PREVIOUS ACTION

At a concurrent meeting held August 30, 2021, Amendment No. 2 and Extension of Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for Shelter Operation and Other Homeless Services Among the City of Reno, Washoe County and the City of Sparks was approved revising the roles and responsibilities of the entities, including transferring the administrative and financial responsibility for the operation of homeless shelters from City of Reno to Washoe County.

On August 25, 2021, the Board approved Amendment #5 to the Agreement for Professional Services between Washoe County and the Volunteers of America, Greater Sacramento and Northern Nevada to provide contracted staffing to operate the Cares Campus through June 30th, 2022, for an amount not to exceed \$6,783,767.64. This was

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executed upon approval of the Interlocal Agreement on Homelessness by the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners, the City of Reno, and the City of Sparks on September 1, 2021.

On January 13, 2021, direction was provided by the BCC to include pursuing an expanded role in addressing the regional issue of homelessness in the Strategic Plan.

On November 18, 2020 the parties entered into an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for Shelter Operation and Other Homeless Services Among The City of Reno, Washoe County and The City of Sparks which established duties, roles and responsibilities of the parties in regard to the provision of services to the homeless in the Cities and County, including agreeing to acquire and cost share three parcels on East 4th Street for the purpose of expanding shelter capacity in the region to assist people experiencing homelessness.

On June 25, 2019, the Board approved the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for Operation of the Community Assistance Center and Other Homeless Services Among the City of Reno, Washoe County and the City of Sparks.

BACKGROUND

The Nevada Cares Campus emergency shelter was developed by City of Reno on one of the three purchased East 4th Street parcels. Opening on May 27, 2021, the shelter included basic infrastructure, utilities, and a Sprung Structure. VOA has been the contracted operator since the Nevada Cares Campus emergency shelter opened.

After the transition of the Nevada Cares Campus from City of Reno to Washoe County on September 1, 2021, contracts were identified to be transferred to Washoe County from both City of Reno and Volunteers of America. Nevada Cares Campus operator was one of the identified contracts required to go to RFP.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient budget authority for this Professional Services Agreement is included in the recommended FY23 budget in the Homelessness Services Fund 223-4. Expenses will be coded to Cost Center 223410 (Cares Campus Shelter) in G/L 710100 (Professional Services).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended to approve an Agreement for Professional Services between Washoe County and Volunteers of America, Greater Sacramento and Northern Nevada (VOA) to provide contracted staffing to operate the Nevada Cares Campus through June 30th, 2024, for an amount not to exceed \$6,500,000 annually; if approved, authorize the Purchasing & Contracts Manager to execute the agreement beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024 with the option to renew for three (3) one-year periods thereafter up to \$6,500,000 annually.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:

"Move to approve an Agreement for Professional Services between Washoe and Volunteers of America, Greater Sacramento and Northern Nevada (VOA) to provide contracted staffing to operate the Nevada Cares Campus through June 30th, 2024, for an amount not to exceed \$6,500,0000 annually; if approved, authorize the Purchasing & Contracts Manager to execute the agreement beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024 with the option to renew for three (3) one-year periods thereafter up to \$6,500,000 annually. (All Commission Districts.)"