

CITY OF BETHLEHEM
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

SUBJECT: Request for Approval by City Council of Contract Award or Contract Price Increase Pursuant to City Ordinance, Article 121.05 (a)

Project or Contract Reference: Community Connection Focus Groups

TO: City Council, all members, and Council Solicitor

FROM: Kristen Wenrich, Health Director

DATE: May 3, 2022

On behalf of the Administration, pursuant to City Ordinances, Article 121.05, I request City Council's approval of the following recommendation of the referenced contract award or price increase.

- Check Type of Contract or Change:

_____ The contract is for over \$50,000 and required to be bid under the Third Class City Code. We have advertised the above referenced project and received qualified bids. We recommend award of the contract to the bidder identified and for the reasons stated below.

_____ The recommendation is for a price increase of 10% or more for an existing contract over \$50,000 that was previously bid and awarded under the Third Class City Code.

 x The contract is for the engagement of professional services. We have received a proposal for professional services in connection with above referenced project. We recommend award of the contract to:

- Is the contract appropriation or price increase included in this year's budget? x yes ___no

- Identify contract funding sources (general fund, grants, loans, etc.....):
Grant funds

- The name and address of the recommended Professional Service Provider are:
Cedar Crest College
Scott Hoke
100 College Drive
Allentown, PA 18104

- Term of contract or estimated completion date, subject to standard extensions:

June 30, 2022

- Description of project or scope of services to be provided:
 - *Conduct one focus group with key stakeholders identified by the Health Bureau. The purpose of the focus group is to:*
 - *Discuss the current scope and functioning of the Community Connections Program*
 - *Identify the strengths of the program that currently exist*
 - *Identify gaps in the program that may exist between:*
 - *police officers*
 - *the social workers*
 - *clients*
 - *community agencies*
 - *Provide a thematic analysis of the focus group that satisfies the purpose identified above.*
 - *Review current record-keeping and data collection*
 - *Identify outputs and outcomes that can be derived from the current data collections system*
 - *Identify additional data that may be needed to support service requests and delivery and detail how each is related to a specific outcome or output measure.*
 - *Formulate next steps in the evaluation process.*

- State the actual or estimated price to the City or the proposed Department budget allowance for the initial term; and state payment rate per unit of service if applicable:
\$6,000

- Number of renewal term options and duration of each renewal, if any:
N/A

- Maximum dollar value of all renewals provided for beyond the original term as if all renewals were exercised:

N/A

- Reasons for recommendation of Administration and Council approval of contract:

Cedar Crest will assist in evaluating and improving the Community Connections program. Scott Hoke is a Criminal Justice professor and well versed in planning and evaluation of police department programming

Please approve this recommendation by passing the accompanying resolution. A vote of final approval is requested at the first City Council agenda listing of this matter.

By: _____
Department Head

Copies To: Mayor
Director of Administration
Director of Budget and Finance
Law Bureau
Purchasing Bureau
Controller
Project Manager
Attachment: proposed resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Authorization for Contract or Amendment under Article 121.05(a)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bethlehem that the Mayor and the Controller and/or such other City officials as deemed appropriate by the City Solicitor, are hereby authorized to execute a Contract or Amendment and such other agreements and documents as are deemed by the City Solicitor to be necessary and/or related thereto, with the following named contractor, for the uses and purposes indicated in the supporting Recommendation of Award of Bid or Contract dated

1. Name of Contractor:
2. Project or Contract Reference:

Sponsored by _____

ADOPTED by Council this _____ day of _____, 20__.

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk