

Request for Decision

Coordination and Administration of a Housing First System and Homelessness Prevention Supports Contract

Presented To: Finance and
Administration
Committee

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Type: Managers' Reports

Resolution

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury authorizes the General Manager of Community Development to enter into a single source Agreement with Centre de Santé Communautaire du Grand Sudbury, as outlined in the report entitled "Coordination and Administration of a Housing First System and Homelessness Prevention Supports Contract" from the General Manager of Community Development, presented at the Finance and Administration Committee meeting on May 12, 2020.

Relationship to the Strategic Plan / Health Impact Assessment

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan in the area of Quality of Life and Place as it aligns with the Population Health Priorities of Indigenous Youth, Mental Health, Housing and Healthy Streets by providing services to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Report Summary

This report will request approval for a single source award to Centre de Santé Communautaire du Grand Sudbury to single source an Agreement for the continuation of the Coordination and Administration of a Housing First System and Homelessness Prevention Supports from September 14, 2020 to December 31, 2021.

The Centre de Santé Communautaire du Grand Sudbury is the lead agency for the Homelessness Network and has been providing homelessness services through a contract with the City of Greater Sudbury since 2007.

Financial Implications

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The current annual funding allocation is \$785,000 and is funded between Municipal and Provincial Homelessness funding envelopes.

Executive Summary

This report will request approval for a single source award to Centre de Santé Communautaire du Grand Sudbury to continue an existing Contract for the Coordination and Administration of a Housing First System and Homelessness Prevention Supports from September 14, 2020 to December 31, 2021.

Background

In March 2015, the City of Greater Sudbury (City) submitted a Request for Proposal (RFP) under Contract CDD 15-2 to receive and evaluate proposals for the Coordination and Administration of a Housing First System and Homelessness Prevention Supports. The RFP was awarded to Centre de Santé Communautaire du Grand Sudbury as the lead agency of a partnership of community agencies called the Homelessness Network. The term of the Contract was September 14, 2015 to September 13, 2018, with an option for a two-year extension. The Contract was subsequently extended from September 14, 2018 to September 13, 2020. The services provided are funded between Municipal and Provincial homelessness funding envelopes.

The Homelessness Network has provided homelessness services through an Agreement with the City since 2007. The services have included homelessness prevention, outreach, Extreme Cold Weather Alert Services, and Housing First Services. This partnership has developed since 2007 to include best practices within the homelessness sector and is a key foundation for the network of services provided to people experiencing homelessness within the City. A report demonstrating the success of the Housing First Program operated by the Homelessness Network was presented to the Community Services Committee on January 15, 2018.

According to the Purchasing By-law a non-competitive purchase where a Single Source Purchase is being recommended by the Authorized Person may be considered when it is recommended by the Authorized Person that a business case can be made to establish that the purchase is in the best interests of the City. In addition, applicable trade agreements allow the City of Greater Sudbury to contract with non-profit organizations without open competition.

Given the current conditions in responding to the COVID-19 outbreak and the importance of consistency in providing ongoing services to people who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness, it is recommended that a single source Agreement is in the best interests of the City. These services would continue at existing service levels and at the current level of funding through an Agreement with Centre de Santé Communautaire du Grand Sudbury from September 14, 2020 to December 31, 2021. An RFP would be posted in the fall 2021 to seek proposals to continue services after December 31, 2021.

Next Steps

Upon approval of Council, a funding Agreement will be completed with Centre de Santé Communautaire du Grand Sudbury to continue to provide existing services from September 14, 2020 to December 31, 2021.

An RFP would be posted in fall 2021 to seek proposals to continue services after December 31, 2021.

References

<https://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=feed&action=file&agenda=report&itemid=2&id=1258>