

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to proposed Sixth Amendment to Contract No. C-137882 with Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services to provide mental health call services under the Call Direction to Ensure Suicide Safety (CRESS) Pilot Program.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

AUTHORIZE the Chief, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), or designee, to execute a Sixth Amendment to Contract No. C-137882 with Didi Hirsch Psychiatric Service dba Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services, to continue to provide mental health call diversion services under the CRESS Pilot Program with terms of the Sixth Amendment include:

- a. An extension of the performance period by one year, from March 31, 2024 through March 31, 2025.
- b. A compensation amount not to exceed \$960,000.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that there is no additional General Fund impact. Funding for the proposed contract amendment is available in the LAPD's Contractual Services account for the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Adopted Budget. Subsequent year funding will be subject to consideration during the annual budget development process.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the recommendations contained in the April 10, 2024 CAO report, attached to the Council File, comply with the City Financial Policies in that the City's financial obligation is limited to funds budgeted for this purpose.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE – JUNE 24, 2024

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION – JUNE 21, 2024)

Summary:

On May 28, 2024, your Committee considered an April 10, 2024 CAO report relative to proposed Sixth Amendment to Contract No. C-137882 with Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services to provide mental health call services under the CRESS Pilot Program. According to the CAO, in December 2020, Council authorized the LAPD to enter into a one-year contract with Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services to operate the CRESS Pilot Program (Council File No. 20-1506). The contract allowed Didi Hirsch to handle identified mental health calls that were diverted from 9-1-1 to ensure that individuals who were experiencing mental health or suicidal crisis receive appropriate support in a timely manner, and thereby reduce the need for the LAPD to respond to these types of calls.

The service was initially provided for eight-hours per day, seven days per week. The original term of the Contract spanned the period from February 10, 2021 through February 9, 2022. In October 2021, Council approved the First Amendment to the Contract to expand CRESS program services from eight-hours per day to 24-hours per day, seven days per week (Council File No. 20-1506-S1). The 2021-22 Adopted Budget included additional funding for the First Amendment to cover the cost of the increased services. The Second Amendment extended the contract term by an additional 16 months, from February 10, 2022 through June 30, 2023, and increased the contract compensation amount by \$1.4 million, for a total of \$2.2 million.

Due to the service expansion from eight-hours per day to 24-hours per day, the LAPD had requested an additional \$468,419 to cover the contract costs for the remainder of 2021-22. The Unappropriated Balance within the 2021-22 Adopted Budget included \$2.2 million for Mental Health Services Support and the associated costs of various pilot programs, such as the CRESS program. The Third Amendment increased the total compensation by \$240,000, for a total of \$2,482,940.85, and extended the term of the original agreement for three months to September 30, 2023. The Fourth Amendment increased the total compensation by \$240,000 and extended the term of the original agreement for an additional three months to December 31, 2023. The Fifth Amendment increased the contract compensation amount by \$240,000, for a total of \$2,962,940.85 from contract inception, and extended the term of the original agreement for an additional three months through March 31, 2024.

The Sixth Amendment increases the total compensation by \$960,000 for a cumulative compensation amount of \$3,922,940.85 from contract execution. The Amendment also extends the original agreement from April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025. The US Department of Health and Human Services is in the process of creating a framework to incorporate mental health call diversion services to the national 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. This extension will provide the LAPD additional time to conduct and evaluate the program, as well as to prevent a lapse in diversion services before being incorporated into the 988 system. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendation contained in the CAO report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Public Safety Committee

COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
LEE:	YES
PRICE:	YES
PARK:	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	YES

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