



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

April 18, 2017

Motion 14845

Proposed No. 2017-0134.1

Sponsors Kohl-Welles

1 A MOTION accepting a report on the best starts for kids
2 youth and family homelessness prevention initiative
3 services funding contracts, in accordance with Attachment
4 B to Ordinance 18373.

5 WHEREAS, Ordinance 18373 approved the Best Starts for Kids Youth and
6 Family Homelessness Prevention Initiative Implementation Plan, updated September 19,
7 2016, and

8 WHEREAS, the implementation plan approved by Ordinance 18373 calls for a
9 report on provider agencies to receive funding, and

10 WHEREAS, the report is submitted by the executive;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

12 The council accepts the report on the best starts for kids youth and family

13 homelessness prevention initiative services funding contracts, Attachment A to this
14 motion, in accordance with Attachment B to Ordinance 18373.
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Motion 14845 was introduced on 3/27/2017 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 4/17/2017, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn,
Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles
and Ms. Balducci
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Melani Pedroza, Acting Clerk of the Council

Attachments: A. Best Starts for Kids Youth and Family Homelessness Prevention Initiative Services Funding Contracts Report

Best Starts for Kids: Youth and Family Homelessness Prevention Initiative Services Funding Contracts Report

This report responds to a King County Council requirement included in the Best Starts for Kids (BSK) Youth and Family Homelessness Prevention Initiative (YFHPI) Implementation Plan, updated September 19, 2016, as approved by Ordinance 18373.

Ordinance 18373 includes a requirement that the Executive transmit to Council a report listing agencies funded under Ordinance 18373 within six weeks after each Request for Proposal (RFP) process is concluded and contracts have been executed:

“Within six weeks after each RFP process under this initiative has been concluded, agencies and allocation amounts have been determined and contracts with provider agencies selected are signed, the executive must transmit to the council a report listing the provider agencies to receive funding allocations, as well as the amount of funding allocated to each agency, and a motion accepting the report.”

Overview

RFP 1149-16 VLN 2016 King County BSK YFHPI - Services Funding

The Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) released RFP 1149-16 VLN 2016 King County Best Starts for Kids Youth and Family Homelessness Prevention Initiative – Services Funding on August 9, 2016. The RFP was a solicitation to hire case managers to provide homelessness prevention services through community-based organizations who were well-positioned within their communities to provide such services. In total, \$ 4,050,000 was made available through this RFP.

In an effort to ensure organizations small and large throughout King County have equal access to information about the RFP, the County hosted five community application workshops; they were held in Central Seattle, Renton, Federal Way, Bellevue and North Seattle. In total, over 100 community members participated in the application review process.

Applications were due to King County on September 20, 2016. As outlined in the Review and Evaluation section of the RFP, King County Procurement staff reviewed agency proposal packages for completeness. DCHS staff then reviewed each project application to confirm each applicant’s eligibility, and that each project submitted a complete application form. Sixty-four program applications were submitted and passed the eligibility threshold. All sixty-four applicants were then reviewed by an application review panel comprised of 16 members.

The Nonprofit Assistance Center (NAC), which was previously awarded funding to provide technical assistance to agencies interested in applying for funding, and County staff conducted an application rater training on September 27, 2016, with members of the BSK services funding review panel, which included three Council staff members (Joe Cunningham, Senior Policy Analyst, District 6; Larry Evans, Legislative Aide, District 2; and Ross Marzolf, Communications Director and Policy Aide, District 3). The review panel also included members of the BSK Children and Youth Advisory Board and community members. The application rater training included training from NAC centered on increasing raters’ understanding of how

culture, ethnicity and race impact understanding of the composition of written responses to the application.

Sixty-four applications were received and each review panel member evaluated and scored between 20-22 proposals. The review was based on the below rating criteria:

RATING CRITERIA	POSSIBLE POINTS
Agency Capacity and Service to Target Populations	35
Fiscal and Data Capacity	10
Cultural Responsiveness	15
TOTAL	60

Agency Capacity and Service to Target Populations questions were constructed in a manner to assist the County with identifying agencies currently serving the populations targeted for services and identified by Council as being disproportionately represented in the homeless system.

Fiscal and Data Capacity questions provided an opportunity for agencies to demonstrate, and the County to understand, experience in both data collection and fiscal accountability.

Cultural Responsiveness questions provided agencies with an opportunity to speak to their ability, both organizationally and through the BSK YFHPI, to work with youth and families who are both representative and non-represented within their unique culture(s) or community. These questions were designed with the intention of ensuring BSK funds would truly address “racial, ethnic and LGBTQ disproportionality in homelessness” as specified in the YFHPI Implementation Plan.

On October 25, 2016, the review panel met and deliberated over the 64 applications received; they then made recommendations to DCHS Director Adrienne Quinn to fund 25 organizations.

Director Quinn reviewed and accepted the recommendations of the review panel on November 1, 2016, and expanded funding to include two additional organizations for a total of 27. At the time of this report, 26 agencies have signed contracts and DCHS is working to obtain a signature on the 27th contract (see Exhibit A for the list of the 26 executed contracts).

The agencies selected for YFHPI funding are geographically and culturally appropriate providers, fulfilling the emphasis outlined in the BSK YFHPI Implementation Plan to assure that funds truly address racial, ethnic and LGBTQ disproportionality in homelessness. As shown by Homeless Management Information System data, there is a disproportionate risk of homelessness among people in racial and ethnic communities, particularly Native Americans/Alaska Natives and African Americans, and for youth who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and queer (LGBTQ). The agencies listed in Exhibit A are within these geographic, racial and ethnic communities and are equipped to engage and deliver services to these at-risk populations.

Exhibit A
BSK YFHPI Services Contracts

#	CMS Contract #	Agency	Contract Amount
1	5902114	Africatown Center for Education & Innovation	\$ 150,000.00
2	5721983	API Chaya	\$ 150,000.00
3	5900745	Atlantic Street Center	\$ 150,000.00
4	5721997	Auburn Youth Resources	\$ 150,000.00
5	5722069	Friends of Youth	\$ 150,000.00
6	5900752	Interim Community Development Association	\$ 150,000.00
7	5900735	Iraqi Community Center of Washington	\$ 150,000.00
8	5722275	Kent Youth and Family Services	\$ 150,000.00
9	5722286	LifeWire	\$ 150,000.00
10	5900716	Mother Africa	\$ 150,000.00
11	5723855	Multi-Service Center	\$ 150,000.00
12	5907062	Native Women in Need	\$ 150,000.00
13	5903809	Open Doors for Multicultural Families	\$ 150,000.00
14	5901232	Partner in Employment	\$ 150,000.00
15	5902129	Partners at Lowell PTA	\$ 150,000.00
16	5902762	People of Color Against Aids Network (POCAAN)	\$ 150,000.00
17	5722421	Refugee Women's Alliance (ReWA)	\$ 150,000.00
18	5901114	Riverton Park United Methodist Church	\$ 150,000.00
19	5788018	Seattle Education Access	\$ 150,000.00
20	5722429	Seattle Indian Health Board	\$ 150,000.00
21	5900767	The ARC of King County	\$ 150,000.00
22	5722767	Therapeutic Health Services	\$ 150,000.00
23	5902121	United Indians of All Tribes	\$ 150,000.00
24	5724873	Wellspring Family Services	\$ 150,000.00
25	5722956	Youth Eastside Services	\$ 150,000.00
26	5722927	YouthCare	\$ 150,000.00
		Total	\$ 3,900,000.00