

MILWAUKEE COUNTY
HOUSE OF CORRECTION

DATE: February 18, 2021

TO: Supervisor Marcelia Nicholson., Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chantell Jewell, Superintendent, Milwaukee County House of Correction

SUBJECT: From the Superintendent, House of Correction, requesting authorization to execute the Second Amendment increasing the annual rate from \$62,500 to \$74,308 retroactively effective on January 1, 2021, and extending from March 18, 2021, to December 31, 2021, the 2018 Professional Service Contract with Employ Milwaukee, Inc. (EMI) for a Reentry Case Manager.

BACKGROUND

Adopted Files 18-131 & 19-58 authorized the HOC to accept JAG funding in the amount of \$80,000 a year and to reapply for additional years for the Evidence Based Decision Making Jail Reentry Pilot Site Project using Employ Milwaukee Inc. (EMI) as the prime contractor for Reentry Case Manager services. Adopted File No. 18-176 authorized the House of Correction (HOC) to enter into a Professional Service Contract (PSC) with Employ Milwaukee Inc (EMI) to assist with this programming opportunity. The HOC has been working with EMI for several years with this grant funding which allows EMI to provide a full-time Case Manager in the HOC's job center.

The County was required to re-apply for the fourth and final year, which was awarded on January 22, 2021 for this calendar year. EMI has calculated the costs of the contract (which includes \$100/month for cellular service) at \$74,308 for this final year. This is an increase from the \$62,500 to \$64,500 a year initially approved in File No. 18-176.

As stated in the application:

This ongoing pilot will continue to extend all of the established cross-systems planning to include deeper and more intentional reentry planning both within various departments of the County as well as among the HOC's vast existing network of services and providers. A clearly articulated and highly individualized reentry plan and network of service providers connects returning citizens to services such as housing, health insurance, mental health/substance abuse counseling, employment services, and family reunification supports to name a few.

Employ Milwaukee tracks participation along with HOC programming and fiscal staff. The application stated the following about the success of the program:

The HOC Reentry Pilot has been operational since March 2018. Progress has continued, and the results have ranged as follows each year:

- Total inmates assessed for eligibility: 86 to 99
- Current pipeline: 11 to 13
- Current post-release caseload: 13 to 31
- LSCMIs completed: 14 to 40
- OWRA assessments completed: 40 to 70
- Reentry plans completed: 40 to 70
- Number of hiring events: 3 to 39
- Participants who attained employment: 11 to 13

It is requested that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approve the House of Correction's request to amend this professional services contract with Employ Milwaukee through December 31, 2021.

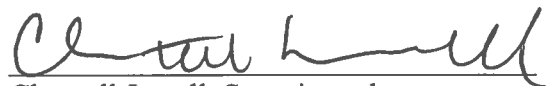
RECOMMENDATION

So that this grant-funded program can continue with Employ Milwaukee, I, as Superintendent of the House of Correction, respectfully submit this action item to request the authority to amend the professional services contract with Employ Milwaukee. Should this item be referred to committee, presenters from the House of Correction in addition to me, will be Captain Brandon Hutchins, and the HOC's Fiscal Administrator, June Jackson. A representative from Employ Milwaukee will be present as well, Toni White, Director of Program Services.

FISCAL NOTE

Employ Milwaukee has absorbed costs increases for the Case Manager the last few years. The application for 2021 included their proposed increase from \$62,500 to \$74,308. The full award of \$80,000 is sufficient to manage the program and this contract. A Fiscal Note form was completed with further budget impact details.

Respectfully submitted,



Chantell Jewell, Superintendent
Milwaukee County House of Correction