

From the Superintendent, House of Correction (HOC), requesting retroactive authorization to execute a contract with Employ Milwaukee in the amount of \$64,500 in order to hire and retain a Reentry Case Manager to provide planning and coordination for the Evidence Based Decision Making Jail Reentry Pilot Site Project at the HOC for the period effective March 18, 2018, through March 17, 2019, with four possible one-year extensions based on grant funding awards received, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors accepted a grant for the Evidence Based Decision Making Jail Reentry Pilot Site Project (2016) from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program in Adopted File No. 18-131; and

WHEREAS, this grant required no local match, and required the House of Correction (HOC) in the application, to submit a budget; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application and Adopted File No. 18-131 listed Employ Milwaukee as the partner to be the lead connector of services both prior to and post-release; and

WHEREAS, this contract will allow Employ Milwaukee to hire a Reentry Case Manager; and

WHEREAS, this Reentry Pilot Site Project will afford the HOC the opportunity to establish the same level of integrity in its reentry services at the point of release as well as post-return; and

WHEREAS, current inmates are encouraged to connect to a variety of service providers when they are released and these providers have pledged to provide the supports and connections returning citizen's need to experience a smooth transition back to the community; and

WHEREAS, the process for making these connections is informal and not yet clearly articulated in a reentry plan, because the process has not been institutionalized, and returning citizens often do not have their critical risk factors intentionally addressed; and

WHEREAS, this Reentry Pilot Site Project will extend all of the established cross-systems planning to include deeper and more intentional reentry planning both within various departments of Milwaukee County as well as among the HOC's vast network of community partners; and

WHEREAS, individuals selected for enrollment in the program will benefit from the existing network of services and providers while they are incarcerated, as well as from a clearly articulated and highly individualized reentry plan and network of service providers that connect returning citizens to the specific resources and services needed to successfully transition back to the community; and

WHEREAS, the HOC anticipates these services to include things such as housing, health insurance, mental health/substance abuse counseling, employment services, and family reunification supports to name a few; and

WHEREAS, the HOC is able, and plans to reapply for this grant in future years and would like to keep Employ Milwaukee as the prime vendor to maintain reentry services throughout the Reentry Pilot Site Project; and

WHEREAS, the term of the contract shall begin March 18, 2018, and run through March 17, 2019, for a total of \$62,500 per year, with the possibility to renew for four one-year extensions, depending upon JAG funding; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of March 15, 2018, recommended adoption of File No. 18-176 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) hereby authorizes the Superintendent, House of Correction (HOC), to enter into a contract with Employ Milwaukee in the total amount of \$64,500 per year, for one year, with the ability to renew for four one-year extensions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any extensions will only be approved if Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds are continued; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if JAG funding is not continued, and an alternate funding source is established, the HOC will ask for approval by the County Board to extend this contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the aforementioned contract will only be executed after review and approval by Community Business Development Partners, Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Corporation Counsel, and Risk Management, DAS.

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