Memorandum



DATE November 22, 2017

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT

FY2017-2018 Emergency Solutions Grant Request for Competitively Sealed Proposals

This memo is to provide an update on the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Request for Competitively Sealed Proposal (RFCSP) that became available on September 14, 2017 and closed on October 5, 2017.

On December 13, 2017, the Office of Procurement will seek authorization from the City Council to reject the proposals received for the FY2017-2018 ESG Program and re-advertise for new proposals. This recommendation is being made because the evaluation criteria used included elements that presented an unfair advantage for organizations previously funded because of their history with the City. This action will allow the Office of Homeless Solutions and the Office of Procurement to modify the specifications to emphasize collaboration and equity while also ensuring that the evaluation criteria does not prohibit new partners from qualifying.

The revised specifications will be advertised by January 11, 2017 to solicit proposals from all 501c3 nonprofit organizations that serve persons experiencing homelessness. A final timeline will be provided so that you may share with your respective constituents and stakeholders.

The Government Performance & Financial Management Committee will receive this item for consideration on December 4, 2017

Should you have any further questions, please let me know.

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