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| 1/23/2024 | 1 | Council President | signed | |
| 1/22/2024 | 1 | City Council | adopted | Pass |
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Contract Request Template (Contracts; IGAs; Leases)

Date Submitted: 12-4-2023

Requesting Agency: DDPHE
Division:

Subject Matter Expert Name: Will Fenton
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Item Title & Description:

(Do not delete the following instructions)
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Affected Council District(s) or citywide?

Council District 3

Contract Control Number:

ENVHL-202367589-03

Vendor/Contractor Name (including any "DBA"):

Mental Health Center of Denver, dba WellPower

Type and Scope of services to be performed:

I. CRISIS INTERVENTION/STABILIZATION CLINIC

1. Clinical Services

- i) Services will include Screening, assessment, crisis intervention, and behavioral health treatment for a target of five days with possible extension, for a total of up to 10 days. Crisis stabilization services will assist voluntary individuals, in a safe and secure environment. These persons are not in need of a higher level of care and are not required to go to jail (e.g., non-violent individuals with police contact). The goal of the crisis stabilization service is to provide: assessment, stabilization, treatment, and re-integration into the community. The clinic will offer the following general services:
 - a. Screening assessments
 - b. Behavioral health assessments/Triage
 - c. Crisis stabilization treatment supervised by a psychiatric provider and provided by appropriate mental health clinicians and medical staff (group therapy, individual therapy, peer support services, medical services, psychiatric services and medication)
 - d. Resources, referrals, and connection to community services

ii) Treatment provided will focus on: de-escalation and crisis management, psychiatric assessments, treatment planning, interventions and therapy, and medication management.

2. Individuals to be served: The Solution Center will accept individuals who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis and who have had significant interaction with the city of Denver's first responders. This includes any law enforcement professionals, fire department/EMT units, and designated mental health professionals. Additional service providers may be included or excluded as referral sources upon joint approval by WellPower and DDPHE.

3. Specific Services to be Offered

Below is a list of specific services to be offered at the Solutions Center. WellPower may propose additional services to be offered at the Solutions Center in addition to the services below, as value add services:

- a. Trauma informed crisis response in accordance with C.R.S. 27-65
- b. Triage/screening (Crisis assessment including safety assessment)
- c. Service needs assessment
- d. Psychiatric assessment
- e. Treatment planning
- f. 24/7 Monitoring/supervision
- g. Peer support
- h. De-escalation and crisis management
- i. Brief therapy
- j. Medication management
- k. Physical health assessments and coordination with medical services
- l. Service coordination and referrals to other community organizations
- m. Benefit application and ability to access benefits and/or bill insurance (private, Medicaid, Medicare, etc.) as

appropriate
n. Discharge planning and referrals

II. STEP DOWN SERVICES

1. Transitional Shelter Services will be available to homeless and unstably housed individuals referred directly from the Triage service, the Crisis Stabilization Unit and WellPower’s Walk in Center.
 - a. Individual sleeping accommodations will be provided.
 - b. Three meals and two snacks are provided daily
 - c. Accessory support services and connections to community resources, , trauma-informed interventions, and treatment referrals will be offered to persons served in the housing accommodations.
 - d. The primary services offered will be safe, secure, transitional sleeping accommodations, and individuals using these services may have access to traditional WellPower services including case management as appropriate.
2. The transitional shelter floor is designed to be a “step-down” opportunity that provides secure sleeping accommodations for homeless or unstably housed individuals while they transition to other options that build upon their stabilization.
3. Individuals served: Persons who are homeless or unstably housed in Denver and referred directly from the Triage (onsite) or Crisis Stabilization Unit (onsite), and persons who are homeless in Denver that are referred from WellPower’s Walk-In Center.
4. Primary Services Offered
 - a. Safe, secure, individual sleeping accommodations. Shelter staff are available to assist with the following: vital documents, benefit applications, employment applications, connection to care and community resources, and discharge planning.
5. Accessory Support Services
 - a. In addition to the primary services offered, the transitional housing will coordinate with the Crisis Stabilization Clinic to provide the following support services:
 - b. Access to psychiatric follow up care
 - c. Access to primary care services such as first aid and treatment provided at the Behavioral Health Solutions Center (BHSC).

Location (if applicable):

WBE/MBE/DBE goals that were applied, if applicable (construction, design, Airport concession contracts):

N/A

Are WBE/MBE/DBE goals met (if applicable)?

N/A

Is the contract new/a renewal/extension or amendment?

amendment

Was this contractor selected by competitive process or sole source?

Competitive process

For New contracts

Term of initial contract:

Options for Renewal:

How many renewals (i.e. up to 2 renewals)?

Term of any renewals (i.e. 1 year each):

Cost of initial contract term:

Cost of any renewals:

Total contract value council is approving if all renewals exercised:

For Amendments/Renewals Extensions:

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| <i>Current Contract Amount (A)</i> | <i>Additional Funds (B)</i> | <i>Total Contract Amount (A+B)</i> |
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| \$11,960,226 | 4,110,334 | 16,070,560 |
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| <i>Current Contract Term</i> | <i>Added Time</i> | <i>New Ending Date</i> |
|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 12/1/2020-12/31/2023 | Nine months | 9/30/2024 |