



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

File #: 14-4255, **Version:** 1

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Cook County Justice Advisory Council

Vendor:

- 1) North Lawndale College Preparatory Charter High School, Chicago, Illinois
- 2) Kuumba Lynx, Chicago, Illinois
- 3) Storycatchers Theatre, Chicago, Illinois
- 4) Lawndale Christian Legal Center, Chicago, Illinois
- 5) Latinos Progresando., Chicago, Illinois
- 6) Demoiselle 2 Femme, Inc., Chicago, Illinois
- 7) Center for Advancing Domestic Peace, Chicago, Illinois
- 8) Austin Childcare Providers Network, Chicago, Illinois
- 9) International Association for Human Values, Washington, DC
- 10) St. Agatha Catholic Church, Chicago Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): Violence Prevention, Intervention, & Reduction Services

Contract Value: \$40,000.00 per vendor

Contract period: 10/1/14-9/30/15

Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact: FY 2014, \$400,000.00

Accounts: 499-298

Contract Number(s):

- (1) North Lawndale College Preparatory Charter High School, Contract #1453-13605A , \$40,000.00 (1 year)
- (2) Kuumba Lynx, Contract#1453-13605B, \$40,000.00 (1 year)
- (3) Storycatchers Theatre, Contract# 1453-13605C, \$40,000.00 (1 year)
- (4) Lawndale Christian Legal Center, Contract #1453-13605D, \$40,000.00 (1 year)
- (5) Latinos Progresando, Contract#1453-13605E, \$40,000.00 (1 year)
- (6) Demoiselle 2 Femme, Inc., Contract# 1453-13605F, \$40,000.00 (1 year)
- (7) Center for Advancing Domestic Peace, Contract #1453-13605G, \$40,000.00 (1 year)
- (8) Austin Childcare Providers Network, Contract#1453-13605H, \$40,000.00 (1 year)
- (9) International Association for Human Values, Contract #1453-13605I , \$40,000.00 (1 year)

(10) St. Agatha Catholic Church, Contract#1453-13605J, \$40,000.00 (1 year)

Concurrences:

The vendor has met the Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance.
The Chief Procurement Officer concurs.

Summary:

North Lawndale College Prep Chicago, Illinois

North Lawndale College Prep will use the funding to serve the students of North Lawndale College Prep, their parents and 7th and 8th grade students in the North Lawndale community. The purpose is to build on progress from their last funded endeavor. Specifically, they plan to double the number of Peace Warriors to organize more peer juries and peace circle sessions, organize more parent training workshops and have those workshops be more intensive, hold trainings for 7th and 8th graders in the Lawndale community and support the administrative aspects of the programming.

Kuumba Lynx Chicago, Illinois

Kuumba Lynx program serves youth in the Chicago neighborhoods of Austin, South Lawndale, and Uptown. Kuumba Lynx intends to use the funding to provide arts and culture programming, using a trauma informed, behavioral therapy approach, that teaches conflict resolution and life skills, and which engages youth in community performance and community building.

Story-Catchers Theater Chicago, Illinois

Story-Catchers Theater will use its funding for a program that will serve Auburn Gresham and Greater Grand Crossing. The program uses creative nonfiction and the performing arts to aid recently release juveniles and young adult offenders to successfully re-enter their communities in the wake of these individuals' release. This organization has showcased a history of helping young individuals to reduce violent and self-destructive behaviors and will use its funding to implement an after-care program in partnership with other organizations.

Lawndale Christian Legal Center Chicago, Illinois

LCLC provides sustained legal and social services to court-involved youth from North Lawndale from time of arrest to the end of any period of probation, parole or supervision. Using its grant funding, LCLC plans to provide services for youth that target risk factors for violence, including mental and behavioral counseling, substance abuse counseling, employment training and placement, mentoring, tutoring and legal services from trained staff members serving as mentors and case managers.

Latinos Progresando Chicago, Illinois

The program will serve the Marshall Square neighborhood in a partnership with La Familia Unida. The program will focus on domestic violence amongst immigrant populations within the service area. The program is called "Peaceful Lives, Peaceful Communities." It is a prevention, education, and direct service program which will youth ages 13-24 in a theatre program with various therapeutic components built in and personal counseling. The program will also serve Adults through workshops related to healthy relationships, how to seek out services if one is in an abusive relationship and, for those who seek it, provide direct counseling and legal services. Finally the program will organize community awareness events, including a walk in the community against domestic violence.

Demoiselle 2 Femme NFP Chicago, Illinois

This organization has served almost 3,000 adolescent females with transitioning into womanhood by providing holistic services, education, instruction and training. Demoiselle 2 Femme NFP will use its funding to serve three high schools one in Auburn Gresham, one in Dolton, and one in Roseland. The provider has determined these schools have a high population of at-risk young women. It plans to provide services including teaching non-violence strategies, aiding in academic planning and campus visits, conducting a Summer Leadership Tour and instilling participants' commitment to avoiding at-risk behavior.

Center for Advancing Domestic Peace Chicago, Illinois

This program will serve the South and West sides of Chicago based on court referral. This center obtains its clients, individuals who have been convicted of or plead guilty to a charge of domestic battery, through referrals from the Cook County Circuit Court. The center will use its funding to bolster its Partner Abuse Intervention Program, which provides supportive services to individuals who have completed the center's initial program. The aim is to assist successful completers to continue with a commitment to non-violence, which began in the intervention group.

Austin Childcare Provider Network Chicago, Illinois

This program will serve the Austin Community. ACPN is a network of 80 home-based family childcare providers and 15 center-based daycare facilities on Chicago's West Side, which offers early childhood education while equipping women to become community-driven childcare providers. ACPN will use the funding to provide its childcare providers with better expertise to deal with situations such as domestic abuse, substance abuse, gang violence, gun violence, incarceration and recidivism. Training will be based in key violence prevention, intervention and reduction methodologies.

International Association for Human Values Washington, D.C. (U.S. office)

This program will serve the Robbins area. IAHV is an organization that operates in 152 countries as a global, humanitarian, non-governmental organization that aims to develop peace, justice and sustainability through encouraging healthy practices to offering community education programs. IAHV plans to extend its Peace Building Community Initiative to the South Suburban Chicago area, by partnering with local housing organizations and agencies to teach seminars ranging from peace building to stress reduction, using exercises such as cognitive behavioral techniques and meditations.

St. Agatha Catholic Church Chicago, Illinois

In partnership with New Landmark Baptist Church, this program will work to develop a "Restorative Justice Peace Hub." Using over 20 volunteers who have been trained in restorative justice and staff, the program will serve N. Lawndale and East Garfield Park. The program will serve at risk youth ages 13 - 24, with direct services and restorative justice practices to create corrective action plans. Youth will be referred to the program through schools, social service agencies, and the congregation. Youth must have a history of suspensions or expulsions, have come into direct conflict with another youth or community member, or have come into contact with the justice system. Youth will be assessed and receive an action plan that may include a mentor, participation in peace circles, parenting circles and training, a conflict resolution plan, and referrals to needed direct services.

Competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) procedures were followed in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. An RPF was solicited on April 14, 2014 for Violence Intervention, Prevention, and Reduction Seed Grants. An evaluation committee reviewed proposals and selected the above ten (10) vendors based upon established evaluation criteria.