



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Cook County Justice Advisory Council

Vendor:

- 1) Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, Chicago, Illinois
- 2) Enlace Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
- 3) Youth Advocate Programs, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
- 4) Illinois African American Coalition for Prevention, 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:

- 1) Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, \$200,000.00
- 2) Enlace Chicago, \$200,000.00
- 3) Youth Advocate Programs, \$200,000.00
- 4) Illinois African American Coalition for Prevention, \$200,000.00

Contract period: 8/1/2015 - 7/31/2016

Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact: FY 2015 \$400,000.00, FY 2016 \$400,000.00

Accounts: 499-298

Contract Number(s):

- 1) Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, 1553-14393A
- 2) Enlace Chicago, 1553-14393B
- 3) Youth Advocate Programs, 1553-14393C
- 4) Illinois African American Coalition for Prevention, 1553-14393D

Concurrences:

The vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprises Ordinance.

The Chief Procurement Officer concurs.

Summary: The Chief Procurement Officer issued a Request For Proposal (RFP) in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. The above vendors are recommended for award based on the established evaluation criteria, which include qualifications, experience, and proposed program.

These contracts are the first set of the JAC's annual Violence Prevention, Intervention, and Reduction Grant Awards. Additional awards in the amounts of \$100,000 (7), \$40,000 (8), and \$10,000 (8) will be submitted to the Board later this fiscal year.

Brighton Park Neighborhood Council: This program will operate in Kelly High School, Davis Elementary, and Shields Middle School. It will serve 80 13 -19 year old at risk youth. The program will offer mentoring, restorative justice, trauma-informed counseling, afterschool tutoring and civic engagement and case management. The goal is to decrease truancy, conflict with the law and decrease violence involvement. Additionally, the program seeks to increase protective factors for the youth such as positive decision-making, academic performance, and leadership. Youth will only enter the program if they meet certain risk requirements including: chronic truancy, criminal justice or probation involvement, and chronic disciplinary or behavioral problems at school. The program serves the Brighton Park neighborhood.

Enlace Chicago: The program is called the “Little Village Youth Safety Network.” It is a prevention targeted program for youth in 5th through 8th grade. Program components include parental engagement, mental health treatment, mentoring, after school mentoring, and leadership development. The partnership includes a large amount of smaller community based organizations to create the “Little Village Youth Safety Network” which includes a shared database between all agencies. Youth will be identified using CPS early indicator data. The program will serve the Little Village community. The identified partner agencies are: (1) Beyond the Ball; (2) Central States SER; (3) Chicago Youth Boxing Club; (4) Sinai Health System; (5) St. Agnes of Bohemia; (6) Saint Anthony Hospital; (7) Telpochcalli Community Education Project; (8)Universidad Popular; and, (9) YMCA of Metro Chicago’s Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Program.

Youth Advocacy Programs (YAP): YAP is a national organization with local offices in jurisdictions across the country. The local Chicago office has been in operation for many years and has a history of working with high risk gang involved youth on probation, parole, and in Chicago Public Schools. This program will specifically target 50 juveniles on probation for gun charges. The program consists of a small caseload “Youth Advocate” being assigned to each youth to support them throughout the probation in all aspects of the youths life. Advocates will help the youth identify personal goals and work towards them while also staying in compliance with probation. Advocates accompany the youth to court, help them enroll in school, take them to appointments and whatever else is necessary to keep the youth safe and on track. There is a no eject no reject policy, meaning every youth referred by probation will be accepted and none will be ejected regardless of behavior. The program proposal is to serve youth County-wide, but referrals will be determined by Juvenile Probation and, therefore, may be concentrated in a certain area.

Illinois African American Coalition for Prevention: The program is titled the “Youth Asset Development Project.” With three partner agencies the program will provide Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (evidence based practice), mentoring, and balanced and restorative justice training for 117 youth ages 14-18, who are at risk of violence involvement. The program will serve the communities of Roseland, Auburn-Gresham, Englewood, and Greater Grand Crossing. The identified partner agencies are: (1) South Side Drill Team & Performing Arts Ensemble; (2) Target Area Development Corporation; and, (3) Teamwork Englewood.