

March 22, 2022

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to amend Contract No. 35502 with Shree Ganesh, Inc., of Long Beach, CA, for providing temporary lodging and emergency shelter for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, to increase the contract by \$1,028,785, for a revised aggregate contract amount not to exceed \$2,778,785. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

City Council approval is requested to amend Contract No. 35502 with Shree Ganesh, Inc. to continue providing essential emergency shelter for people experiencing homelessness.

On February 4, 2020, the City Council awarded a contract to Shree Ganesh, Inc., as part of its adoption of RFP HE19-131 for providing temporary lodging and emergency shelter for individuals and families experiencing homelessness for a period of one year, with an option to renew for two additional one-year periods, at the discretion of the City Manager. On July 7, 2020, the City Council authorized a first amendment to Contract No. 35502 with Shree Ganesh, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the Coast Motel for a period of one year, with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods. On March 9, 2021, the City Council authorized a second amendment to Contract No. 35502 for an increase to the contract amount not to exceed \$1,000,000. On July 6, 2021, the City Council authorized a third amendment to Contract No. 35502 to increase the contract amount not to exceed \$1,750,000 and extended the contract through September 30, 2022.

To respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Health Department's Homeless Services Bureau has been utilizing motel vouchers to quickly and safely house people experiencing homelessness to mitigate the challenges of the virus. The current authorized amount of \$1,750,000 under the current terms and conditions of the contract has been exhausted.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Taylor M. Anderson and Business Services Bureau Manager Tara Yeats on February 24, 2022, and by Budget Analysis Officer Greg Sorensen on March 4, 2022.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action to amend Contract No. 35502 is requested on March 22, 2022, to allow for uninterrupted and continued temporary shelter for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

EQUITY STATEMENT

The City of Long Beach (City) has incorporated the Equity Toolkit into this recommendation as requested by the City Council on March 15, 2021. This recommendation will assist people experiencing homelessness in Long Beach who are at increased vulnerability for COVID-19 exposure by providing quality shelter services in a non-congregate shelter model.

FISCAL IMPACT

The requested action increases the contract authority with Shree Ganesh, Inc., by \$1,028,785. The total aggregate amount of the contract will not exceed \$2,778,785. Sufficient funds are currently budgeted in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department, offset by reimbursement grant revenue. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. The continuation of this contract will provide continued support to our local economy by assisting in the preservation of employment for eight part-time employees residing in Long Beach.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER