



CITY OF LONG BEACH

POLICE DEPARTMENT

400 WEST BROADWAY LONG BEACH CALIFORNIA 90802

Robert G. Luna
Chief of Police

August 20, 2019

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement, and any subsequent amendments, with Forensic Nurse Specialists, Inc., of Los Alamitos, CA, for Sexual Assault Response Team services, in an annual amount not to exceed \$120,000, for a period of two years, with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods, at the discretion of the City Manager. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Long Beach Police Department relies on the expertise of forensic professionals to perform examinations of victims and/or subjects when investigating sexual assault or rape. These exams must be performed by a qualified healthcare professional, hospital, or other emergency medical facility. Failure to provide a victim of sexual assault with an examination by a qualified professional is a violation of the California Penal Code.

The City has contracted with Forensic Nurse Specialists, Inc., since July 1994 to provide medical examinations, evidence collection, treatment for victims of sexual assault, and expert testimony during criminal proceedings. Forensic Nurse Specialists, Inc., provides 24-hour service. Timely response is critical when performing these examinations to reduce the amount of time a victim spends waiting for the exam. Forensic Nurse Specialists, Inc., have provided reliable on-call nurses within the requested time limit and at a reasonable cost. Forensic Nurse Specialist, Inc., is currently the only vendor in the Long Beach regional area that provides this type of service. There are currently no specific registries that utilize forensic nurses solely for the purpose of exams. These clinicians are usually based within a group, like Forensic Nurse Specialists, Inc.

City Charter Section 1801 requires that contracts for City purchases be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder after a competitive bid process, but allows for awards without a competitive bid process if accompanied by a Resolution adopted by City Council.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Monica J. Kilaita on July 23, 2019, and by Purchasing Agent Tara Yeats and Budget Management Officer Rhutu Amin Gharib on July 25, 2019.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on August 20, 2019, to prevent any interruptions of this critical service.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total annual cost of the contract will not exceed \$120,000. Funds for these services are budgeted in the General Fund Group in the Police Department. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



ROBERT G. LUNA
CHIEF OF POLICE

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Attachment

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AND ANY SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS WITH FORENSIC NURSE SPECIALISTS, INC., WITHOUT ADVERTISING FOR BIDS, FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS, WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR PERIODS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000

WHEREAS, the City has contracted with Forensic Nurse Specialists, Inc., since July 1994 to provide medical examinations, evidence collection, and treatment for victims of sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, Forensic Nurse Specialists, Inc. provides 24-hour service; and

WHEREAS, this is a mandatory expense as failure to provide a victim of sexual assault with an examination by a qualified healthcare professional, hospital, or other emergency medical facility would be a violation of the California Penal Code; and

WHEREAS, Forensic Nurse Specialists, Inc. is the sole source providing this service in the Long Beach regional area and there are currently no specific registries that utilizes forensic nurses solely for the purpose of exams; and

WHEREAS, as a result, no useful purpose would be served by advertising for bids for providing and delivering this type of service and to do so would constitute an idle and useless act and an unnecessary expenditure of public funds because Forensic Nurse Specialists, Inc. is the only corporation, firm, or individual that could or would bid for providing this service to the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as

1 follows:

2 Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter a contract and
3 any subsequent amendments, without advertising for bids, with Forensic Nurse Specialists,
4 Inc. for Sexual Assault Response Team services for a period of two (2) years, with the
5 option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year periods, at the discretion of the City
6 Manager, in an annual amount not to exceed One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars
7 (\$120,00.00). If the sole source status of Forensic Nurse Specialists, Inc. changes, City
8 shall publicly bid instead of extending the contract.

9 Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
10 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

11 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council
12 of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2019
13 by the following vote:

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15 Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

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19 Noes: Councilmembers: _____

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21 Absent: Councilmembers: _____

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26 City Clerk
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