



Legislation Text

File #: 24-2567, **Version:** 1

Department: Purchasing

Department Head/Elected Official: DeWight Dopslauf

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Supplemental RCA

Type of Request: Contract - Amendment

Project ID: 210251

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): DEMA Consulting & Management Texas LLC

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable): N/A

Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: 0% - Non-Divisible

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request by the Office of the Purchasing Agent that the County Judge execute an amendment to an agreement with DEMA Consulting & Management Texas LLC to incorporate an expansion proposal as an exhibit for Holistic Assistance Response Team services for Public Health Services for the period of January 10, 2024 - January 9, 2025, with no increase in the total contract amount (210251), Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: 0% - Non-Divisible.

Background and Discussion:

HART Program launched in the spring of 2022 in Harris County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) District I and provides an alternative model for responding to 911 calls; interdisciplinary, unarmed first responder teams trained in behavioral health and on-scene medical assistance are dispatched to non-violent calls to assist residents and connect them to appropriate resources. With HART teams responding to these types of low-level calls, law enforcement is freed up to respond to more violent crimes and 911 calls from citizens.

On March 14, 2023, Commissioners Court voted for Harris County Public Health (HCPH) to work with the Office of County Administration (OCA) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to create a plan and budget to maintain current operations of and expand the Holistic Assistance Response Team (HART) program.

On May 16, 2023, Commissioners Court voted for Harris County Public Health (HCPH) to implement the expansion of the Holistic Assisted Response Team (HART) program to Harris County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) District IV.

On September 12, 2023, Commissioners Court voted to approve funding for Harris County Public Health (HCPH) and Harris County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) to expand the Holistic Assisted Response Team (HART) program to begin expansion in at least one district by the end of FY24 and to fund an evaluation of the HART program for \$2,200,000.

On December 19, 2023, Commissioners Court voted to execute an amendment to an agreement and a renewal option with DEMA Consulting & Management Texas, LLC. in the additional amount of \$4,616,189 for additional services for Holistic Assistance Response Team services for Public Health Services for the period of January 10, 2024 - January 9, 2025 (210251).

Expected Impact:

The second amendment of the agreement with DEMA Consulting & Management Texas, LLC. aims to improve accounting and mitigate delays in processing invoices. Specifically, the second amendment includes itemized cost for vendor services that support the operations of the Holistic Assistance Response Team (HART) program. Furthermore, the second amendment directs the vendor to provide timely and accurate invoicing to ensure the continuous operation of the HART program throughout the service areas in Harris County.

Alternative Options:

N/A

Alignment with Goal(s):

- ☒ Justice and Safety
- ☐ Economic Opportunity
- ☐ Housing
- ☒ Public Health
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Flooding
- ☐ Environment
- ☐ Governance and Customer Service

Prior Court Action (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
01/25/2022	283	Approval of award to DEMA for Job 21/0251
01/10/2023	201	Approval of first renewal option
12/19/2023	297	Approval of first amendment to increase funding and second renewal option

Location: N/A

Address (if applicable): N/A

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary				
Service Name				
	Current Fiscal Year Cost			Annual Fiscal Cost
	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	Recurring Expenses

Funding Sources				
Existing Budget				
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Request (<i>Requires Fiscal Review Request Form</i>)				
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Request	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Funding Request	\$	\$	\$	\$
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)				
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-	-
Additional Positions Request	-	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: April 23, 2024

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date): April 23, 2024

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

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Attachments (if applicable): Letter, Amendment