



Legislation Text

File #: 24-5635, **Version:** 1

Department: Purchasing

Department Head/Elected Official: DeWight Dopslauf

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Contract - Amendment

Project ID (if applicable): 230095

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): VN TeamWork, Inc.

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable): N/A

Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: 0% - Specialized, Technical, or Unique in Nature

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request by the Office of the Purchasing Agent that the County Judge execute an amendment to an agreement with VN TeamWork, Inc. to update the budget table contained in the Best and Final Offer (Exhibit B) for early learning quality network for Harris County for the period of October 10, 2023 - November 30, 2026, with no increase in the total contract amount (230095), Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: 0% - Specialized, Technical, or Unique in Nature.

Background and Discussion:

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan of 2021 (ARPA) was signed into law. Harris County Commissioners Court set goals for ARPA funding to mitigate effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, including providing support for early learning and care initiatives .

Research shows that approximately 25% of child care facilities closed statewide during the pandemic, with a 20% loss in available child care capacity. In response, Harris County is piloting the Early Learning Quality Network (ELQN), a community-driven initiative aimed at improving early learning and care by collaborating with providers, families, and stakeholders to enhance quality based on each community's unique strengths. This effort is supported by the Harris County Department of Economic Equity and Opportunity, a Network Support Hub (NSH), and four Local Network Organizations (LNO) serving five communities in Harris County.

VN Teamwork, one of the LNOs, is amending its budget to reallocate funds initially designated for: 1) the partial salary of one personnel; 2) travel; 3) supplies; 4) rental space and utilities; and 5) support committees. This amendment seeks to repurpose these funds to address increased staff time required to carry out the work and needed salary and fringe adjustments.

Expected Impact:

The approval of this budget amendment will enable VN Teamwork to provide accurate compensation and benefits for

personnel.

Alternative Options:

Commissioners Court could forgo approving the amendment, resulting in significant risks to the success of the Early Learning Quality Network program, including failure to accurately spend down these ARPA COVID-19 funds.

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
10/10/2023	22	Agreement Approved
12/19/2023	16	First Amendment Approved

Location:

Address (if applicable):

Precinct(s): Choose an item.

Fiscal and Personnel Summary				
Service Name	Current Fiscal Year Cost			Annual Fiscal Cost
	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	Recurring Expe
Funding Sources				
Existing Budget				
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Request (Requires Fiscal Review Request Form)				
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: September 19, 2024

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date):

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: COVID-19 related item

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Attachments (if applicable): Signed Amendment