



City of Newark

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Legislation Text

File #: 26-0144, Version: 1

Dept./ Agency: Administration/Office of Business Administrator

Action: (X) Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending

Type of Service: Contract with Recipient

Purpose: To provide Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention in Youth Mentoring and/or Safe Passage.

Entity Name: Aisha and Harper Domestic Awareness Foundation

Entity Address: 671 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard. Apt. 513 Newark, New Jersey 07102

Grant Amount: \$75,000.00

Funding Source: 2026 Department of Administration / OVP Funds/Business Unit: NW011, Dept. 030, Div./Proj. 0312, Activity A, Account #96210, Budget Ref. B2026

Grant Period: Grant funds to be expended no later than November 30, 2026

Contract Basis: () Bid () State Vendor () Prof. Ser. () EUS

(X) Fair & Open () No Reportable Contributions (X) RFP () RFQ

() Private Sale (X) Grant () Sub-recipient () N/A

Additional Information:

This Resolution authorizes an Agreement for the provision of community-based violence intervention and prevention youth mentoring programs.

Date Advertised: June 24, 2025

Bids Downloaded: Sixty-Seven (67)

Bids Received: Thirty-One (31)

WHEREAS, violence is recognized as a public health problem, and is the leading cause of death in the United States for people ages 15-34; they are often the victims of unintentional injury, suicide, and homicide, which more often than not are directly associated with firearms; and

WHEREAS, violence is preventable, and with supportive relationships, programs and resources violent behaviors can be diminished and cycles of violence disrupted; and

WHEREAS, many of the violence prevention entities in Newark, which were formed to provide supportive social service programs to stem the increase in violence and violent crimes, have had to provide more services with less resources as a result of loss of funding; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the competitive contracting process of the State Local Public Contracts Law, as authorized by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1b(2) (being the operation, management or administration of a social services program), and pursuant also to the fair and open process of State Pay-to-Play Law N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, the City of Newark ("the City"), through the Office of Business Administrator, publicly advertised and solicited proposals consistent with the City's violence reduction initiative, for the provision of community-based violence intervention and prevention programs in the following category: Community Violence Intervention and Prevention, as described in the attached Request for Proposals ("RFP") package on June 24, 2025, with proposals due on July 15, 2025, and

received thirty-one (31) proposals; and

WHEREAS, the Proposal submitted by Aisha & Harper Domestic Awareness Foundation, 671 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd. Apt. 513 Newark, New Jersey 07102, (hereinafter referred to as “Recipient”), was determined to be advantageous to the City, based on experience and criteria listed in the RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Recipient has demonstrated that it has the expertise to provide Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention in Youth Mentoring services to meet this requirement; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to enter into a Agreement with the Recipient for the purpose of providing Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention in Youth Mentoring for the Period beginning March 1, 2026 and terminating November 30, 2026, for a total Award Amount not to exceed Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$75,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of the City of Newark hereby ratifies the use of competitive contracting for processing these Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Programs from March 20, 2023 to the date of adoption of this Resolution and authorizes its use in the future; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement is awarded to the Recipient, in compliance with Local Public Contracts Law, including but not limited to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1(b)(2) and/or N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council adopted the State of New Jersey Pay to Play statutory requirements pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., governing the eligibility for municipal contracts.

WHEREAS, this Agreement is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open procedure in accordance with the New Jersey State Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.) and in compliance with the City’s Ordinance on Pay-to-Play, 2:4-22C.1; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

1. The Mayor and/or his designee, the Business Administrator, are hereby authorized to enter into and execute an Agreement with Aisha & Harper Domestic Awareness Foundation, 671 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd., Apt. 513 Newark, New Jersey 07102 (“Recipient”), for the period commencing March 1, 2026 and terminating on November 30, 2026, for an amount not to exceed Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$75,000.00), to provide Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention in Youth Mentoring, which is further described in the “Scope of Services” attached hereto as Exhibit A (“Agreement”).
2. The Agreement is hereby ratified from March 1, 2026 to the date of adoption of this authorizing Resolution.

3. The total compensation to be paid pursuant to said Agreement is Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$75,000.00), and shall be paid from the Department of Administration funding.
4. The Recipient shall use the funds they receive from the City's Department of Administration / OVP Funds to provide greater social services impacting and critical for violence prevention.
5. The terms of the Agreement may only be waived or amended in writing and signed by the parties duly authorized to execute this Agreement, subject to the approval of the Newark Municipal Council by Resolution. The term of this Agreement may be extended for up to two (2) 6-month periods, subject to the availability of funds and authorization by Resolution of the Newark Municipal Council, including a finding that the services are being performed in an effective and efficient manner, and is in writing and signed by both parties.
6. The Municipal Council ratifies the use of competitive contracting for processing and awarding Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Programs from June 24, 2025 to March 23, 2023.
7. This Agreement is being awarded pursuant to the fair and open procedures of the State Pay-to-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, State Local Public Contracts Law, including but not limited to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1(b)(2) and/or N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.
8. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5, attached hereto is Comptroller's partial certification of funds which states that funds in the amount of Thirty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$37,500.00), are available in the 2026 Budget under Business Unit NW011; Dept. ID 030; Division 0312; Activity: A, Account# 96210; Budget Ref. B2026 in the aforementioned Department of Administration Budget. All Certifications of Funds shall be filed along with the original Resolution in the Office of the City Clerk.
9. There shall be no advance payments pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-16.
10. Recipient shall not receive any funding unless Recipient has no outstanding charges due to the City of Newark.
11. There shall be no amendments or changes to this Agreement without approval of the Municipal Council.
12. The Business Administrator shall file a fully executed copy of the Agreement, the Partial Certification of Funds and the required documents, together with this Resolution in the Office of the City Clerk.

STATEMENT

This Resolution authorizes the Mayor and/or his designee, the Business Administrator, to enter into an Agreement with Aisha & Harper Domestic Awareness Foundation, 671 Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard, Apt. 513 Newark, New Jersey 07102, for the purpose of providing Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention in Youth Mentoring, for the Agreement Period commencing March 1, 2026 and terminating on November 30, 2026, for a total Agreement amount not to exceed Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$75,000.00).