



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
June 27, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Liam Garland, Director, Public Works

Subject: Contract: Downtown Streets Team for hand sweeping, graffiti and litter abatement, poster removal, and low barrier volunteer work experience program

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to execute a contract, and any amendments or extensions, with Downtown Streets Team for hand sweeping, graffiti and litter abatement, poster removal, and low barrier volunteer work experience program. The contract will be in an amount not to exceed \$1,625,500 for the period August 1, 2023 through August 30, 2027.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Annual expected costs are anticipated to be approximately \$530,000. Funding in the amount of \$225,000 is available in FY 2024 in the General Fund. Funding in the amount of \$331,250 is available in the Zero Waste Fund. There is additional one-time funding of \$100,000 in the General Fund that will be appropriated as part of the FY 2024 budget to support expansion to the Gilman District and support efforts to place low-level violators into the Downtown Streets program.

Future funding is subject to appropriation in the FY 2025 and FY 2026 budgets.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

On May 31, 2022, City Council approved Resolution No. 70, 394-N.S to allow for City staff to enter into sole source negotiations with DST for new pricing, contract terms, and scope of services in support of the Clean Cities Program for the continuation of hand sweeping, leaf and litter removal, graffiti abatement, and poster removal services for various commercial districts.

Public Works and the City Manager's Homeless Response Team worked on new pricing and scope of services to continue the important work of the Downtown Streets Team (DST). DST is a volunteer work experience model in which unhoused Team Members beautify their community in exchange for supportive services such as employment services and a basic needs stipend. Through their work, team members build effective work habits, take on leadership opportunities, further their education, and ready

themselves to reenter the workforce and housing through the support of a positive community. DST has placed over 1,500 individuals into employment (lasting at least 90 days) and almost 1,200 into permanent housing.

DST will focus in the following areas of the city: North Shattuck, Elmwood, Solano, Downtown, Adeline, Telegraph, West Berkeley, and Gilman. DST will provide regular reports on their team members, amount of debris collected, and other key metrics.

This contract supports the Strategic Plan Priorities of advancing our goal to provide state-of-the-art, well-maintained infrastructure, amenities, and facilities and providing housing support services for our most vulnerable community members.

BACKGROUND

Since August 2018, DST has supported the City's Clean City Program by hand sweeping to remove excess leaves, litter, and trash from sidewalks and gutters throughout the City, and strive for clean, safe, beautiful commercial districts. Downtown Streets Team (DST) was selected (Specification No. 18-11185-C) as the lowest responsive and best-qualified bidder to meet the Clean City Program's needs; demonstrating both a thorough comprehension of the scope of services to be delivered and a proven program model by which very low income, unhoused persons, receive employment services, training, and other support to promote self-sufficiency in preparation for reentering the workforce and securing permanent housing.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

The Clean City Program supports the City's Zero Waste Program by ensuring litter and debris is properly removed from the City. Also, the Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit (MRP) requires the City to reduce the amount of trash flowing into local waterways and the Bay via the City's storm drainage system. Hand sweeping removes excess leaves, litter, and debris from sidewalks and gutters which prevents these items from getting into the City's storm drainage system.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Public Works does not have sufficient staff to absorb the hand sweeping, debris, and litter abatement duties performed by DST.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

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Attachment:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT: DOWNTOWN STREETS TEAM FOR HANDSWEEPING, LEAF AND LITTER REMOVAL, GRAFFITI ABATEMENT, POSTER REMOVAL AND LOW BARRIER VOLUNTEER WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Downtown Streets Team is an organization committed to helping low-income and un-housed members in the local community achieve health and self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, Downtown Streets Team supports the Public Works Clean City program by providing additional cleaning services in select neighborhoods and around encampment hot spots; and

WHEREAS, Downtown Streets Team is a proven partner of Public Works supporting the Clean City program in areas throughout the City: and

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WHEREAS, annually, General Fund Measure P funding is available in the amount of \$225,000 and Zero Waste Fund in the amount of \$331,250 is available in the FY 2024 baseline budget.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or her designee is authorized to execute a contract with Downtown Streets Team hand sweeping, graffiti and litter abatement, poster removal, and low barrier volunteer work experience program for a not to exceed amount of \$1,625,500 for the period August 1, 2023 through August 30, 2027.

