



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Office of the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department

Date: February 5, 2013
To: Council Member Betsy Hodges, Chair, Way and Means/Budget Committee
Referral to: City Council
Subject: **Contract with St. Stephens’s Human Services, Inc. for Homeless Street Outreach services – Contract C-24688**

Recommendation: That the appropriate City officers be authorized to execute Amendment #6 to Contract C-246888 with St. Stephen’s Human services, Inc. to include the following changes: extend the contract period to December 31, 2013; and increase the total contract amount by \$380,013 for services to be provided in 2013. No additional appropriation is required.

Previous Directives:

The Mayor’s 2007 Adopted Budget included \$100,000 for homeless outreach services. St. Stephen’s Human Services, Inc. was awarded a contract after a request for proposal process.

The Mayor’s 2008 Adopted Budget also included \$100,000 for homeless outreach services.

The Mayor’s 2009 Adopted Budget increased the amount for homeless outreach services to \$150,000 to add an outreach worker. This amount was included in the 2010-2012 budgets.

The Mayor’s 2013 Adopted Budget increased the amount for homeless outreach services to \$380, 013. This amount will allow a doubling of the number of outreach workers and expansion in the days and hours of service.

Department Information

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Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval date: April 23, 2007

Financial Impact:

- The amount in the contract amendment is within the 2013 budget for the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department.
- The requested action conforms to the business Plan for the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department.

Community Impact

This action furthers the City Goal of A Safe Place to Call Home – housing, health, and safety

Supporting Information

The Street Outreach program at St. Stephen’s Human Services began in October 2007 as part of the Heading Home Hennepin Plan to End Homelessness. St. Stephens’s conducts outreach to individuals and families living in places in Minneapolis not meant for human habitation. Prior to the street outreach program, the people served were often in regular contact with law enforcement. The program has fostered a coordinated system involving the Minneapolis Police Department, social services agencies, faith communities, businesses and neighborhood organizations. The overall goal of the program is to provide services that change behavior rather than move the homeless person into a cycle of police, jail, and streets.

The Sources of funding for the 2013 program are:

City General Fund -	\$152,418
Federal Emergency Solutions Grant -	<u>\$227,595</u>
Total -	\$380,013

In addition to the public funding for the program, St. Stephens’s is conducting private fund raising to further expand the program.

The increase in funding over 2012 levels will allow expansion of the number of outreach workers and the hours of service provided. Also, for the first time, outreach efforts will be extended beyond Downtown Minneapolis.

	2012	2013
Number of Street Outreach Workers	6	12
Hours of Operation	9:00AM to 5:00PM, Monday-Friday	9:00AM to 5:00PM Monday and Saturday 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM Tuesday - Friday
Service Area	Downtown Minneapolis	City-wide