CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2020-406 - Guidehouse LLC Work Authorization #7

MEETING DATE
November 16, 2020

ORIGINATING DEPT
Planning, Development & Neighborhood Services

ATTACHMENTS
Guidehouse Work Authorization #7

REVIEWED BY
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SUMMARY
This Council Bill authorizes the execution of Work Authorization #7 of the Master Services Agreement for Professional Administrative Consulting Services with Guidehouse LLC (formerly known as PricewaterhouseCoopers Public Sector LLP) to provide implementation and administrative activities as they relate to upcoming and ongoing CDBG-DR projects.

BACKGROUND
On July 6, 2015 City Council approved a Capital Plan Allocation defining the projects and their budgets to be undertaken with the two disaster grant awards received by the City. In conjunction with the Capital Plan, Guidehouse has incurred and will incur additional Activity Delivery and Program Administration Costs related to the continued progression of the individual projects and overall program associated with the CDBG-DR funding. Activity Delivery Costs are those costs that are directly carried out for specific projects and include compliance and oversight of CDBG-DR requirements. As a result of the CDBG-DR funding received, the City of Joplin and Guidehouse have rebuilt and revitalized Joplin, Missouri in partnership with local engineering firms, contractors, community service organizations and a variety of integral stakeholders. This team focused on restoring destroyed and/damaged infrastructure, housing, etc. and addressed a variety of public services throughout the community. Please see a summary of some of completed projects below:

Infrastructure

- Sanitary Sewer
    - Joplin's stormwater and sanitary sewer infrastructure was severely damaged by the disaster and the cleanup efforts in the weeks and months following. Due to the severity of the damage, it was necessary to repair and replace over 20 miles of sanitary sewer piping, updating sewage facilities and other infrastructure. As a result, Joplin is in a better position than it was prior to the tornado.

- 20th Street and Main Street Streetscapes
    - Dozens of miles of roads, sidewalks, curbs & gutters, and stormwater inlets have been replaced and rebuilt post-disaster. Through the design efforts the City's street infrastructure is more efficient and much more ADA compliant than pre-tornado.
- Trails
    - Providing city-wide connectivity in a safe alternative to vehicle transportation, the various trails projects provide several miles of connection and future economic development and improve livability for those who live here and those considering relocation in the future.

Housing

- JHAP
    - Nearly 600 individuals and families were able to purchase homes in the disaster impacted recovery area due to the down payment assistance program. This program stemmed the tide of families leaving Joplin due to the housing shortage caused by the tornado and assisted families in obtaining homeownership that would have otherwise been impossible.
- Bungalows
    - Joplin Bungalows addresses a key issue facing many communities in the country, lacking affordable housing, particularly for seniors, homeless veterans and disabled individuals.
    - The Bungalows created 20 affordable housing units to serve Joplin's most at-risk demographics.

Public Services

- Advanced Training & Technology Center
    - Crowder opened a Joplin campus that has served over 400 students, created jobs and developed workforce development & training programs for dozens of area employers
- Joplin Senior Center
    - Expanded services for Joplin's growing senior population
    - Expanded Meals on Wheels services to area seniors in need
- Community Clinic of Joplin Facility Rehabilitation
    - As of the beginning of 2019, served nearly 2000 patients, 99% being low-to-moderate income individuals and families.
- Crosslines Community Center
    - Due to the closing of the Salvation Army's food pantry, Crosslines became the primary entity in the region to assist elderly, disabled and low-income individuals and families who had fallen on hard times. To-date they have assisted nearly 5,000 individuals.
- Early Childhood Center
    - Already a concern pre-tornado, the loss of 300 available spaces for children 3-5 years of age, made the creation of the Early Childhood Center a necessity. Funded in part with CDBG-DR funds and funding from the State of Missouri, the ECC has become a published example of the creative use of funds to have a high impact on a community by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.
    - The ECC has served nearly 600 children to-date.

At this time the Guidehouse team is working with the City staff on close-out of the existing projects, finalizing sub-recipient requirements, project documentation needs that are in line with HUD's record retention requirements and preparing the City for next year's HUD monitoring and Technical visit. This Work Authorization provides $360,000 for Activity Delivery Costs which are part of the direct implementation of projects including the Joplin Senior Center improvements, last three (3) infrastructure projects, and Disaster Resiliency Planning process (supporting the Smart Cities Plan approved by City Council, including the undertaking of an Internet Gap Analysis Study). Additionally, $60,000 in General Administration Costs are included in Work Authorization #7 associated with program and project close-out tasks. Overall, Work Authorization #7 provides for a total of $420,000 effective through September 30, 2021.

FUNDING SOURCE

These payments are covered by the CDBG-DR Grant Funds.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the execution of Work Authorization #7 for the continuation of the Master Services Agreement executed on April 17, 2017 for Professional Administrative and Consulting Services with Guidehouse LLP (formerly known as PricewaterhouseCoopers Public Sector LLP) in an amount not to exceed $420,000 on an emergency basis as provided for in Section 2.12(6) of the Home Rule Charter, due to impending finalization of current infrastructure and bidding needed for exterior improvements for the Meals on Wheels area of the City-owned Senior Center.