



City of Missoula, Montana
Item to be Referred to City Council Committee

Committee: Administration and Finance

Item: Referral – Amendment to Corporation for Supportive Housing Contract for Services

Date: September 15, 2021

Sponsor(s): Montana James

Prepared by: Montana James

Ward(s) Affected:

<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Wards	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Action Required:

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a contract amendment to contract A8172 Contract Agreement for Services – Corporation for Supportive Housing.

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a contract amendment to contract A8172 Contract Agreement for Services – Corporation for Supportive Housing.

Timeline:

Referral to committee:	September 20, 2021
Committee discussion:	September 22, 2021
Council action (or sets hearing):	September 27, 2021
Public Hearing (if required):	N/A
Deadline:	September 27, 2021

Background and Alternatives Explored:

The City of Missoula is leading a local collaborative effort to create new units of supportive housing for some of its most vulnerable community members, including those experiencing chronic homelessness and frequent utilizers of public crisis systems. Starting in 2018 with funding from the Montana Healthcare Foundation, the City led local planning efforts to create and implement the frequent user systems engagement (FUSE) supportive housing model. This work led by the City re-invigorated local efforts to create targeted permanent housing solutions for those experiencing homelessness, also cycling through the emergency room, shelters, and the jail. Following the planning efforts in 2018, Missoula created a three-year phased approach toward implementing the FUSE model, which is currently being implemented, and includes: 1. Scattered site/voucher housing placements with supportive services, 2. Up to 12 dedicated FUSE units at Cornerstone apartments new single-site housing development, and 3. A new construction project known as The Trinity Project, led by the City’s development team and partners which will include 30 dedicated units and supportive services for the FUSE target population as well as a navigation center.

While all three phases of Missoula FUSE implementation are in progress currently, the City of Missoula is focusing on the development timeline for the Trinity Project, which is planned to open

in 2023. The City and its partners have identified several key decisions that need to be made in order to meet the project timeline for the supportive housing units, including finalizing the supportive services budget for the housing units and the planned navigation center, and the selection of service provider partners.

The City of Missoula is seeking technical assistance (TA) from CSH to:

- Develop the final supportive services budget for both the supportive housing units and the navigation center; including existing sources, gaps and a plan for sustainable services funding over the life of the project
- Lead the procurement and partner selection for supportive services at the Trinity project center.

This Contract Amendment increases the total project budget for this work to \$38,000 to reflect added budget to compensate local residents with lived expertise in houselessness and navigating the service provider environment. It also extends the contract period to run through December 31, 2021 to account for COVID-related project delays.

Financial Implications:

The total project budget is being increased to \$38,000 and comes from funds already budgeted for this purpose in the FY21 budget and carried forward in the FY22 budget.

Links to external websites:

<https://www.engagemissoula.com/trinity-housing>