

**City of Missoula, Montana
New Business Item**

Item: Contract – Reaching Home 10-Year Plan Evaluation

Council Meeting

Date: May 18, 2022

Sponsor(s): Emily Armstrong

Prepared by: Emily Armstrong

Ward(s) Affected:

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Action Required:

Authorize the Mayor to sign and execute an agreement with JG Research and Evaluation for the provision of evaluation services to evaluation Reaching Home: Missoula's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness funded by the City of Missoula.

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council:

To authorize the Mayor to sign and execute an agreement with JG Research and Evaluation for the provision of evaluation services to evaluation Reaching Home: Missoula's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness funded by the City of Missoula.

Background and Alternatives Explored:

Reaching Home: Missoula's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness launched in 2012 and reaches its 10-year life cycle this year, in 2022. Reaching Home will conduct an evaluation process to assess successes and challenges in executing the 10-Year Plan and understand current gaps in houseless services across the community. City staff led a limited solicitation process to gather proposals from interested evaluation consultants. Staff reached out to 11 firms and evaluators and received 3 proposals, from which pool JG Research and Evaluation proved to be the most qualified and well-positioned to effectively conduct the evaluation process. The evaluation process will extend through early 2023 and will include three main stages: 1) project planning, 2) data collection, and 3) data analysis and final reports.

Financial Implications:

Total contract cost is \$42,000 from City funds, which will come from fund balance and was approved by Council in FY22. This project is also a partnership with United Way of Missoula County, which will contribute funding toward compensation for lived experts who participate in data collection from grant funds awarded in partnership with Reaching Home and held for Reaching Home initiatives.

Links to external websites:

<https://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/2124/Houseless-Initiatives>

<https://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/DocumentCenter/View/37773/Reaching-Home-Missoulas-10-Year-Plan-to-End-Homelessness-PDF>

<https://www.engagemissoula.com/safe-shelter>