



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION NO. 5164 NEW SERIES

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING AND ENTERING INTO AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE 2016-2017 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT WITH ARIZONA COMMUNITY ACTION ASSOCIATION.

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Purpose and Recommended Action

This is a request for City Council to waive reading beyond the title and adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with the Arizona Community Action Association (ACAA) to accept changes to the program delivery and direct service allocation for the APS Crisis Bill Assistance program funding.

Background

The CAP provides direct services to low and moderate income Glendale residents. Services include energy assistance payments and crisis assistance for families, which includes homeless assistance, rent and mortgage subsidies.

Currently, CAP is being operated through an agreement with the State of Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES). This ongoing agreement with the State of Arizona enables the city to contract for funds from other statewide organizations working to provide direct assistance to low and moderate-income residents. Under this agreement, DES provides approximately \$1 million each year for the provision of CAP services while the city provides a general fund "match" of \$16,720 and various in-kind contributions such as office space, related utilities and custodial services.

The Glendale CAP is also associated with ACAA, which is a non-profit, state-wide organization of community action programs that supports and promotes the well-being and self-sufficiency of all Arizonans. It works collaboratively with partners across the state to ensure fair and affordable energy costs; access to emergency utility assistance; financial assistance programs and food security programs. To accomplish this, ACAA partners with utility companies, individual donors and foundation grants to provide CAP agencies with additional money to provide general utility assistance to qualified individuals.

Analysis

On average, the City of Glendale CAP provides direct assistance to approximately 4,017 persons each year. The individuals are all in the "low" to "extremely low" income category and typically use CAP services at their most urgent moment of need (i.e. - food, shelter, medical emergency). If not for the assistance of the CAP,

many of these individuals would be vulnerable to becoming homeless and/or have no opportunity to receive local assistance.

If approved by Council, the ACAA Amendment No. 1 will amend the program delivery and direct service allocations for the APS Crisis Bill Assistance from 20% of the direct service total to 10% of the direct service total services in FY 16-17. The total allocation remains the same at \$5,000 for this program. The change in program delivery decreases the administrative budget from \$833.33 to \$454.55 and increases the direct service allocations from \$4,166.67 to \$4,545.45. This change will allow staff to assist approximately 2 more Glendale residents with direct utility assistance. The acceptance of this agreement will apply to the July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017 period.

Previous Related Council Action

On August 12, 2014, City Council approved entering into an independent contractor agreement between the city and the Arizona Community Action Association for CAP operations.

On August 11, 2015, City Council approved entering into an independent contractor agreement between the city and the Arizona Community Action Association for CAP operations.

On August 9, 2016, City Council approved entering into an independent contractor agreement between the city and the Arizona Community Action Association for CAP operations.

Community Benefit/Public Involvement

The CAP is designed to provide responsible and efficient support services that foster self-sufficiency and emotional stability when individuals or families are experiencing a financial hardship or major life crisis.

Acceptance of this amendment from the ACAA will ensure that Glendale residents have additional opportunities to access crisis services that promote financial stability, enhance the quality of life in Glendale, and allow the city to better meet high public demand for this type of direct assistance.

Budget and Financial Impacts

With the exception of the annual General Fund Match and minor in-kind services, the CAP program is entirely funded through an annual entitlement grant from DES. No additional city funds are required for the acceptance of this amendment.