



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR LICCARDO

FROM: Councilmember Donald Rocha

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: May 20, 2015

Approved Don Rocha

Date 5-20-15

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RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Community Solutions Human Trafficking Coordinator

Amount of City Funding Required: \$50,000

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.): General Fund

This change is:

One-time Ongoing

Proposal Description, including anticipated outcomes (describe how change would affect services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc.):

The South Bay Coalition to End Human Trafficking (Coalition) has been the leading group addressing the need for a coordinated, victim-centered response to human trafficking in the South Bay for more than 10 years. The City of San Jose has partnered with the Coalition (a collaborative of more than 35 agencies) since its inception, and was recently able to leverage funds for a part time Coalition Coordinator. Community Solutions to Domestic Violence is the fiscal agent of the Coalition.

One-time funding of \$50,000 was granted during the 13-14 fiscal year for a 0.5 FTE coordinator position, and was expended in April 2015. It was indicated in the cost estimate that the San Jose Police Department is in the process of extending the agreement with Community Solutions in order to support the coordinator position for one additional year using \$50,000 that was allocated in the 2014-15 Adopted Operating Budget. This would supposedly fund the position at 35 hours per week for the period of April 2015 through April 2016. The \$19,000 proposed in the CE would only increase the hours from 35 to 40 at the same hourly rate and extend the contract an additional three months from April to June 2016. This amount would not meet the Coalition's needs.

It is important to note that the Department, in cooperation with the Coalition, has applied for a federal grant of \$750,000 that will specifically dedicate resources over the course of two years to combat human trafficking. This the application process for this grant is very competitive. If awarded the grant, it would fully fund the coordinator positions and there would no longer be a need for City funding.

This proposal is to match the existing \$50,000 in funds, contingent on the Department not receiving the \$750,000 federal grant, as to not supplant it. Community Solutions has requested \$100,000 to afford a pay increase for the coordinator, to hire the coordinator as a contracted-employee, and to increase current hours to amount to a full-time position. In the event that the Department is awarded this federal grant, Council can revisit this proposal at the appropriate time to determine where and when this this money will be spent. The recipient of the grant will not be announced until summer 2015 or later.

Currently, the coordinator proactively develops and directs projects to aid in building collaboration, capacity, and awareness. Along with project development, the coordinator is also responsible for: administration, building capacity, and enhancing collaboration amongst the 35 member agencies. This support includes both ongoing and special projects.

Most importantly, the coordinator is directing the Super Bowl 2016 preparation workgroup. This workgroup, known as No Traffic Ahead, first multi-county human trafficking workgroup, and involves 39 partnering agencies, including the San Jose and San Francisco Police Departments, Santa Clara Office of the District Attorney, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The need to increase support for victim services and promote education and awareness to the general public and specific populations have consistently emerged in all of these group discussions.

It is important to note that the Bay Area is a top destination point for trafficked victims. The Bay Area's major harbors and airports, its powerful economy and accelerating population, its large immigrant population and its industries make it vulnerable to human trafficking. The City's funds would meet an important need for a coordinated response and are critical in ensuring that these efforts leading up to the Super Bowl can continue uninterrupted.

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve (\$2 million)

Other (Program/Project/Fund):

Department or Organization: Police Department

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