December 28, 2021

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
Administration Building
1221 Oak Street
Oakland, CA 94612

SUBJECT: APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2022 HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAM SERVICES-AS-NEEDED CONTRACTS WITH ARK ANGEL II, LLC, JUANA CARE FACILITY, LLC AND GENTLE HEART CARE SERVICES INC

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Approve three new Services-as-Needed contracts to be added to the existing pool of 16 Housing Support Program providers (Master Contract No. 000002) to provide residential care mental health services, for the period 1/1/2022 - 6/30/2022 with no change in the pooled amount of $4,866,606:

1. Ark Angel II, LLC (Principal: Haidie Bautista; Location: Hayward; Procurement Contract No. 23064);

2. Juana Care Facility, LLC (Principal: Jene’ Levine Snipes; Location: Oakland; Procurement Contract No. 23063);

3. Gentle Heart Care Services Inc (Principal: Alanna Spencer; Location: Hayward; Procurement Contract No. 23071); and

B. Delegate authority to the Agency Director, or designee, to negotiate and execute the agreements through the Community-Based Organization (CBO) master contract process subject to review and approval as to form by County Counsel and submit an executed copy to the Clerk of the Board for filing.

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY

Since 1987, the Housing Support Program (HSP) has provided funding for non-clinical patient care for individuals with serious mental illness (SMI) living in licensed board and care/residential care homes (licensed homes). Through the annual renewal of Services-as-Needed contracts for the HSP, these programs will continue to augment the impact of other programs identified in the County Homelessness Action Plan 2018 – 2021 by supporting individuals with SMI in maintaining their housing and helping to prevent homelessness.

Under the HSP, licensed homes receive additional reimbursement for providing supplemental services to individuals with SMI. HSP providers assist Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (ACBH) clients meet their treatment plan goals by providing or arranging transportation to support the client’s mental health needs; encouraging the client to take increasing responsibility for managing their own treatment; encouraging the client’s use of public transportation and leisure time in a constructive manner; assisting the client to learn social
relationship skills, such as communication with others and the appropriate expression of feelings; helping the client to develop budgeting, personal shopping, menu planning, and basic meal preparation skills; assisting the client in becoming responsible for self-medication as prescribed by the treating physician; and providing close supervision of clients who require the management of difficult behavioral issues.

ACBH has identified an increased need for bed availability and multiple levels of care. To meet this need, the Request for Pre-Qualification (RFPQ) #21-03 Housing Support Program was released on August 3, 2021. Your Board’s approval of these HSP Services-as-Needed contracts will allow ACBH to enter into additional agreements for HSP services in Fiscal Year 2022. These contracts do not have fixed allocations as providers are reimbursed on the actual number of ACBH clients they serve; therefore, ACBH contracts on a Services-as-Needed basis. Delegation of authority was previously requested and approved by your Board on May 25, 2021 (Item No. 7) when your Board approved the Fiscal Year 22 pool of 16 contracts to provide housing support services for ACBH clients.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

ACBH released the Request for Pre-Qualifications (RFPQ) No. 21-03 on August 3, 2021 to meet the increased need for bed availability and multiple levels of acute care. The RFPQ was advertised for 35 days using the General Services Agency (GSA) advertising guidelines by posting on the ACBH and GSA websites. In addition, a courtesy email was sent to ACBH’s contracted providers and other ACBH contracts via existing email distribution lists. ACBH hosted a question and answer session with interested bidders on August 12, 2021 with attendance from six agencies and subsequently posted the responses to questions asked on September 9, 2021 on ACBH and GSA websites.

ACBH received three bids for board and care facilities to provide HSP services. Per GSA guidelines for a RFPQ, ACBH staff conducted a review of the bidder minimum qualifications, which all of the bidders met. The table below summarizes the results of this competitive bidding process and the recommendation to award SAN contracts to the three bidders.

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On October 7, 2021, Bidders were notified via email and certified mail of the recommendation for award. No bid protests were received. The bidders recommended to be included in the HSP SAN contract pool are small, local corporations and limited liability providers. HSP providers are selected based on the need for services in board and care settings. One of the providers is a Certified Small, Local and Emerging Businesses (SLEB): Gentle Heart Care Services Inc (Certification No. 21-00071; Expiration: 8/31/2022). The other two providers received SLEB waivers (Ark Angel II, LLC SLEB Waiver No. 21714 and Juana Care Facility, LLC SLEB Waiver No. 21715) that expire on 6/30/2022.
FINANCING

Appropriations for these contracts are fully offset by the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding already included in the FY 2021-22 ACBH Budget and included in the Homelessness Action Plan. There is no increase in net county cost as a result of your approval.

VISION 2026 GOAL

Housing subsidy payments, care coordination, and other housing support services related to board, and care facilities meet the 10X goal pathways of Eliminating Homelessness and Healthcare for All in support of the shared vision of a Thriving and Resilient Population.

Sincerely,

Colleen Chawla, Director
Health Care Services Agency

CC/EDV/nc/bc
**REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO WAIVE SLEB PROGRAM**

For Federal grant funds:

Procurements using Federal grant funds which prohibit geographical preferences require the Federal Grant Funds SLEB Waiver Request form to be completed and submitted for approval to the Auditor-Controller Office of Contract Compliance & Reporting (OCCR) prior to soliciting bids/proposals and awarding contracts. For further information contact OCCR at ACSLEBcompliance@acgov.org.

For ALL Requests over $3,000 and for Non-Federal SLEB waivers:

Requests must be completed and submitted online. The automated SLEB waiver requests can be found under the "For Work" section. See "Online SLEB Waiver Request". Complete #1-#9 below, complete #10 if over $100,000 (First Source applies). Attach supporting documentation including 2 quotes or approved Sole Source/Piggybacks (must have both the Questionnaire and Finding Memo).

For questions, or if you are unable to access/log in to the automated system, you can contact OAP at gsa-oapslebwaivers@acgov.org.

**NOTE: A SLEB waiver is NOT required for the following:**

1. Approved Sole Source Exceptions for goods and services with a cumulative fiscal year total up to $25,000.
2. P.O. Change Order (POC) with a cumulative fiscal year total up to $25,000 and no changes in vendor, product or fiscal year.

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   - **Department:** Behavioral Health Care Services
   - **Primary Requestor:** Rachel Garcia
   - **Email:** rachel.garcia2@acgov.org
   - **Telephone:** (510)383-1744
   - **GSA Procurement/Auditor:** GSA-Buyer
   - **Contact Name:**
   - **Email:** GSA-Buyer@acgov.org
   - **Telephone:** (510)208-9600

2. **Recommended Vendor**

   - **Recommended Vendor:** Ark Angel II LLC dba Bella Vista
   - **PO#:** N/A
   - **REQ#:**

3. **Procurement Type (check all appropriate boxes below):**

   - ☑ New Contract
   - ☑ Renewal Contract
   - ☑ Contract Amendment-Term
   - ☑ Contract Amendment-Value
   - ☑ Other

4. **Total PO/Contract Value (including increase, if any):**

   - **Contract Value:** $0.00
   - **Increase Value (if any):** $0.00

   - **Contract Term Start:** 01/01/2022
   - **End:** 06/30/2022
   - **OR One-Time**

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5. Goods/Services Procurement Description:

Alameda County Behavioral Health Care (ACBH) released a Request for Pre-Qualification (RFPQ) No. 21-03 Housing Support Program (HSP) to establish a pool of Services as Needed (SAN) contracts with eligible licensed adult residential facilities (ARF) and residential facilities for the elderly (RCFE) operators to provide HSP services to adults 18 and older with a Serious Mental Illness in Alameda County.

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The RFPQ seeks to expand the ACBH pool of HSP SAN contracts and extend eligibility to providers that meet minimum qualifications. HSPs help to address the US Supreme Court Olmstead decision mandating that public agencies work to ensure that people with disabilities live in the most integrated, community-based settings appropriate to meet their needs and that clients should not be help in institutional settings in the absence of defined clinical needs for this level of care. HSPs provide housing services subsidy payments, service coordination and consultation.

7. Date Goods/Services Needed: 01/01/2022

a. What are the consequences if the date goods/services needed is not met?

Delays in contracting may result in delays in program services. Clients HSP services may be threatened.

ACBH is requesting to waive the SLEB contracting requirements for the following reasons (1) Services are as needed and utilization cannot be predicted as this time. There is no set contract allocation which makes 20% subcontracting challenging; (2) No SLEB bid preference points were applied in this procurement process; and (3) The scope of work is limited to the Contractor providing board and care with some supportive services.

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9. IF APPLICABLE: New Sole Source submitted to Procurement

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   X Copies of bids received and/or detailed statement of efforts made to contact and negotiate with certified businesses, including list of SLEBs contacted, names of individuals, addresses, phone numbers, dates contacted and bid prices attached. In the section below, list the documents that have been attached:

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Supporting Documents:

   RFPQ #21-03 HSP.pdf
   RFPQ #21-03 HSP Q&A.pdf
   RFPQ #21-03 HSP - Ark Angel II dba Bella Vista.pdf
   New Contracting Opportunities RFPQ #21-03 HSP.msg

11. If the contract is over $100,000, is the recommended vendor able to comply with the First Source
Yes: ☐  No: ☐  If No, ________________

Expedit ☒  (Check this box to expedite processing)

12. Department Certification: I certify to the accuracy of the preceding statements,

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Edelyn Dumapias  12/06/2021

Signature of Agency/Department Head
or Designee or GSA Procurement Manager (if GSA Procurement managed the

OAP to complete below:

A. Request Approved: ☐  Waiver Valid Through: 06/30/2022  SLEB Waiver Number:

Reason: Departmental need for multiple vendors. As needed services.

B. Request Denied:

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12/08/2021

Signed by GSA-Office of Acquisition Policy (Required)  Date

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