



Third Amendment to Agreement F002014 with Legal Aid of Sonoma County

City Council Meeting
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Background

- February 2017- Council directed \$20,000 General Fund money to Legal Aid of Sonoma County (“Legal Aid”) to provide renter advocacy/legal representation services, and requested staff seek proposals for Renter/Property Owner education and mediation, eviction defense, Section 8 terminations, and habitability retaliation.
- FY 2017/18 Budget Study Sessions- Council allocated \$75,000 of General Fund money for renter legal services.
- June 2017,- Request for Information issued for contractor to provide services in preparation for potential passage of Ordinance 4072 establishing rent stabilization in Santa Rosa.
- Legal Aid was the only respondent, with services including tenant education; habitability, retaliation, and discrimination claim defense; Section 8 assistance; eviction defense; assistance for qualified landlords; and mobile home park resident advocacy for \$87,000 annually. Ordinance 4072 did not pass.

Background

- Since 2017, the City has had the following agreements with Legal Aid

<u>Time Period</u>	<u>Agreement #</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
May – June 2017	F001408	20,000
October 2017- September 2018	F001600	87,000
October 2018 – June 2019	F001861	62,250
July 2019- June 2020 (FY 19/20)	F002014	87,000
July 2020- June 2021 (FY 20/21)	F002014 Amendment #1	87,000
July 2021- June 2022 (FY 21/22)	F002014 Amendment #2	87,000
TOTAL FUNDING THROUGH 6/30/22		\$438,250
TOTAL CURRENT CONTRACT F002014		\$377,000

Analysis

- \$111K in FY 2022/23 budget for 3rd amendment to current agreement (\$5,000 CARES Act CDBG-CV / \$106,000 City General Fund)
- Legal Aid has met the conditions of all previous agreements
- To ensure service the entire community, including those historically underserved and overrepresented, changes to the FY 2022/23 agreement include:
 - Scope of Service updated to increase onsite tenant education outreach/presentations at locations / events, focused on Communities of Color, particularly in City approved Equity Priority Community areas and focused on City's Equity Priority Populations
 - Anticipated Outcomes updated to request one-third of clients served represent Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities
 - Quarterly Status Report updated to include a metric that eight (8) onsite presentations/outreach events asdescribed above would occur within the period of performance

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended by the Housing & Community Services Department that the Council, by resolution, approve a Third Amendment to Professional Services Agreement Number F002014 with Legal Aid of Sonoma County to increase compensation by \$111,000.00, including \$106,000 of City General Fund and \$5,000 of Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) funds for a total amount not to exceed \$377,000.00, to extend the time of performance from June 30, 2022 through June 30, 2023, and to add provisions regarding focused outreach to Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities.