

MEETING DATE: February 9, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: C

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Adult Reentry Grant - Rehabilitation of Existing Property, Twenty-Four Month No-Cost Extension: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of a 24-month liquidation extension for Epidaurus, DBA Amity Foundation, to continue invoicing the Rehabilitation of Existing Property Grant. Amity Foundation experienced implementation delays and service interruptions due to COVID-19 and was unable to deliver services as planned. A 24-month liquidation period extension will allow additional time to implement the rehabilitation of existing grant as originally intended and to spend down funds in accordance with the grant agreement.

Background

The Adult Reentry Grant was established in the 2018 Budget Act (Senate Bill 840, Chapter 29, Statutes of 2018) with funding for rental assistance, warm hand-off and reentry, and the rehabilitation of existing property or buildings for housing people released from prison. A Request for Proposal (RFP) for the rehabilitation of existing property was released in 2019 (C-1). For the rehabilitation of existing property portion of the grant, one submission was received, and it was from the Amity Foundation (C-2). A Scoring Committee read and rated the proposal, and the Board approved a \$5 million award to the Amity Foundation in November 2019. Per the Budget Act, funding for the rehabilitation of existing property must be encumbered by June 30, 2021 and is scheduled to revert on June 30, 2023.

In the years following the Board's approval, Amity Foundation experienced significant implementation delays. Due to COVID-19, local licensing offices were closed for extended periods of time, license approvals were backlogged and delayed, and construction timelines were significantly impacted. In recognition of these unforeseeable events, the Governor's January 2023 Budget proposes a liquidation period extension through June 30, 2026. Amity Foundation anticipates it will require 24-months to expend funding, and the remaining time will be used for any administrative closeout. No additional funding will be provided through this action. Per the original RFP, the BSCC will continue to monitor the project through January 31, 2030.

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board approve a 24-month liquidation period extension for Epidaurus DBA Amity Foundation, to continue invoicing the Rehabilitation of Existing Property Grant, conditioned upon approval of the 2023 Budget Act. Staff also recommends the Board direct staff to make any amendments, extensions, and addendums to the grant agreement as needed to complete the grant project as originally proposed.

Attachments

C-1: Request for Proposal

C-2: Epidaurus DBA Amity Foundation Rehabilitation of Existing Property Application