

MINUTES
PRELIMINARY GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE
CONTRACTS REVIEW COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2022
10:00 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – ROOM 348

The Preliminary Grants and Contracts Review Committee meeting was called to order by Mr. Toups, Chairman. The following members were present: Messrs.: Bob Abbott and Joe Toups. Mmes: April Charles, Leah Fleig and Vernadine Mabry. Others Present: Jeanine Romero. Recording Secretary: Mary C. Gibbens.

Representatives participating for agenda items: Vanpheng Nitchin – Police Department (Through email communication); Melissa Glascock – Department of Transportation and Drainage; Pamela Turner-Stokes – DHDS/OSS; Harry St. Pierre – Mayor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness; Leslie Chambers – Office of the Mayor-President; Daryl Blacher - Mayor’s Office of Community Development.

GRANTS REVIEW:

No minutes to approve on the May 17, 2022 regular meeting.

GRANTS:

1. **Baton Rouge Police Department** – Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement (LCLE) Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) – State \$19,601.00; Total \$19,601.00

A motion was made by Ms. Fleig and seconded by Mr. Abbott to approve this item as presented. No objections, the motion passed unanimously.

2. **Department of Transportation and Drainage** – U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) - Federal Transit Administration (FTA) – BUILD – Baton Rouge Plank-Nicholson Project – Federal \$15,000,000.00; Total \$15,000,000.00

A motion was made by Ms. Fleig and seconded by Mr. Abbott to approve this item as presented. No objections, the motion passed unanimously.

3. **DHDS/Office of Social Services** –
 - A) Capital Area United Way (CAUW) – Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) – Other \$5,000.00; Total \$5,000.00
 - B) U. S. Department of Homeland Security FEMA Emergency Food and Shelter (Phase 39 Funding) – Federal \$60,000.00; Total \$60,000.00
 - C) U. S. Department of Homeland Security FEMA Emergency Food and Shelter (Phase ARPAR Funding) – Federal \$75,000.00; Total \$75,000.00

A motion was made by Ms. Fleig and seconded by Ms. Charles to approve items # 3 (A), (B), and (C) as presented. No objections, the motion passed unanimously.

4. **Mayor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness** – HUD/LA Office of Community Development -
 - A) Louisiana Watershed Initiative Program (CDBG-MIT Grant) – Bayou Duplantier Floodplain Acquisition – Federal \$8,500,000.00; Total \$8,500,000.00
 - B) Louisiana Watershed Initiative Program (CDBG-MIT Grant) – Ward Creek Floodplain Acquisition - \$5,700,000.00; Total \$5,700,000.00

A motion was made by Ms. Fleig and seconded by Mr. Abbott to approve items # 4 (A), and (B) as presented. No objections, the motion passed unanimously.

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GRANTS: (continued)

5. **Office of the Mayor-President** – National League of Cities (NLC) – “Southern Cities Economic Inclusion (SCEI) Initiative – Expanding Capacity, Building Resilience” - Total \$25,000.00
 - A) Planning Phase – Other (NLC) \$5,000.00; Total \$5,000.00
 - B) Implementation Process – Other (NLC) \$20,000.00; Total \$20,000.00

A motion was made by Ms. Fleig and seconded by Mr. Toups to approve this item contingent upon receipt of a line item budget. No objections, the motion passed unanimously.

CONTRACTS REVIEW:

A motion was made by Ms. Fleig to approve minutes of the May 17, 2022 regular meeting. No objections, the motion passed unanimously.

CONTRACTS:

1. Proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge and National League of Cities Institute (NLCI) as part of the Southern Cities Economic Inclusion Initiative (SCEI) by providing two (2) opportunities for participating cities to apply for a planning grant and an implementation grant in a total amount up to \$25,000.00 for the term beginning March 3, 2022, through December 31, 2022. **(By: Mayor’s Office)**

A motion was made by Ms. Fleig and seconded by Mr. Abbott to approve this item as presented. No objections, the motion passed unanimously.

2. Proposed agreement between the City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge, and Urban Restoration Enhancement Corporation to provide case management services with the purpose of pre-qualifying youth ages 14-21 the opportunity to earn income while engaging in educational and work experience activities for the Mayor’s Youth Work Experience (MYWE) in an amount of \$50,000.00 for the term commencing April 15, 2022, and completed August 31, 2022. **(By: Mayor’s Office)**

A motion was made by Ms. Fleig and seconded by Mr. Abbott to delete this item at the Department’s request. No objections, the motion passed unanimously.

3. Proposed amendment # (1) to the professional services agreement between the City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge and Southern University Law Center Vulnerable Community and People’s Initiative (VCPI) in collaboration with various community partnerships in support of the City of Baton Rouge Advancing Health Literacy to Enhance Equitable Community Responses to COVID-19 (BRAHL) grant for additional services impacting marketing costs and a contracted Outreach Coordinator in the sum not to exceed \$1,224,000.00 for the term commencing September 1, 2021 and terminating June 30, 2023. **(By: Mayor’s Office of Community Development)**

4. Proposed amendment # (1) to the professional services agreement between the City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge and Baton Rouge Community College Foundation, Inc. in collaboration with various community partnerships in support of the City of Baton Rouge Advancing Health Literacy to Enhance Equitable Community Responses to COVID-19 (BRAHL) in the sum not to exceed \$474,000.00 for the term commencing September 1, 2021 and terminating June 30, 2023. **(By: Mayor’s Office of Community Development)**

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CONTRACTS: (continued)

5. Proposed amendment # (1) to the professional services agreement between the City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge and G.R.O.W.T.H. Services of Louisiana in collaboration with various community partnerships in support of the City of Baton Rouge Advancing Health Literacy to Enhance Equitable Community Responses to COVID-19 (BRAHL) in the sum not to exceed \$349,000.00 for the term commencing September 1, 2021 and terminating June 30, 2023. **(By: Mayor's Office of Community Development)**

A motion was made by Ms. Fleig and seconded by Mr. Abbott to approve items # (3), # (4), and # (5) as presented. No objections, the motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:

1. **Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness** – FEMA – Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Swift Current Grant Program FY-2022 – Federal \$4,004,135.00; Other (Homeowner) \$102,575.00; Total \$4,106,710.00

A motion was made by Ms. Fleig and seconded by Mr. Toups to approve this item for application only. No objections, the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned.