

MOTION

During the 2020 pandemic, governments around the world issued stay-at-home orders to slow the spread of COVID-19. Research and data conducted during this time have since shown that the stay-at-home orders created what the United Nations termed a "shadow pandemic" of domestic violence. Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) were confined to their homes with the person causing them harm without any means of escape or reprieve. In response to this need, the City expanded the Crisis to Shelter program. Crisis to Shelter was launched by the Mayor's Office in 2019 to formalize a partnership between LAPD's Domestic Abuse Response Teams, victim service providers, and a few select, confidential hotels (C.F. 19-0162).

Due to the sensitive nature of IPV and the unique expertise developed during three years of operating Crisis to Shelter, Jenesse Center is the only service provider with established confidentiality protocols in partnership with appropriate hotels and the highly specialized trained staff to work with IPV survivors. Notably, this program continues to increase the City's capacity for interim housing despite the limited number of beds available through the City's Domestic Violence/Human Trafficking Shelter Operations.

The Crisis to Shelter program allows the Community Investment for Families Department (CIFD) to provide immediate refuge to this population. CIFD's Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget includes \$520,280 in the Contractual Services Account to support these services.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council;

1. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, or designee, of the Community Investment for Families Department to amend City Contract No. 138757 with Jenesse Center to add \$520,280 to operate the Crisis to Shelter program from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
2. AUTHORIZE the City Administrative Officer to make any technical corrections, clarifications, or revisions, as necessary, to implement the Council's intent.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council find that the services to be performed by Jenesse Center are for the performance of professional, scientific, expert, technical, or other special services of a temporary and occasional character for which competitive bidding is not practicable or advantageous and that the work can be performed more economically or feasibly by independent contractors than by City employees.

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