

TO: Mayor Jim Gray

Urban County Council

FROM: Polly Ruddick

CC: Sally Hamilton, CAO

DATE: May 17, 2018

SUBJECT: Amendment to Agreement for the Jobs Van Program with New Life Day Center, Inc.

Request Council to authorize the Mayor to sign a second amended agreement with New Life Day Center for a contract extension to continue operations of the Jobs Van Program which provides employment opportunities to people who panhandle on Lexington streets. No additional funds will be awarded.

Why are you requesting?

Due to weather conditions in the months of December, January, February, March, and April the program was unable to operate at full capacity each month. Budgeted funds are remaining for these months. The current contract will be extended 2 months in order to spend appropriated funds.

The Panhandling Job Van continues to be successful offering an opportunity for work to those who would like that help. The Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention along with city stakeholders and the Homelessness Prevention and Intervention Board desire to continue the program. The reduction in panhandling has been significant due, in part, to this program. On days this program operates, a significant reduction in panhandling is seen across the city. Participants are provided a day of paid labor working on projects assigned by a city division to clean up trash and clearing weeds, brush, etc. from medians and other areas. Participants are offered social services as needed.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?

The cost for this FY is: \$0 The cost for future FY is: \$0

Are the funds budgeted? Yes

The funds are budgeted or a budget amendment is in process:



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