CITY OF LONG BEACH

Health and Human Services
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April 14, 2026

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to adopt Specifications No. RFP HSB-2026-001 and award a contract to Jovenes, Inc., of Los Angeles, CA, for providing Interim Housing operations and support services for the Transitional Age Youth Navigation Center, in a total annual amount not to exceed $565,020, for a period of one year beginning April 1, 2026, with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods, at the discretion of the City Manager; and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into the contract, including any necessary subsequent amendments. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

City Council approval is requested to enter into a contract with Jovenes, Inc., for providing operations and support services to the Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Interim Housing (IH) Program (Program). The Program is designed to provide youth between the ages of 18 to 24 who are experiencing homelessness in the City of Long Beach with access to congregate shelter. This Program may be funded through a combination of local, state, and federal funding sources including the youth set aside Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Grant.

The HHAP grant program was authorized under Section 13 of AB 166 (Chapter 48, Statutes of 2024; Health & Safety Code Section 50239 et seq.), signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on July 2, 2024. HHAP reflects the State's priorities to prevent and rapidly reduce unsheltered homelessness through targeted prevention activities, and to sustain both interim and permanent housing solutions, including the long-term viability of affordable housing. HHAP funding may be utilized across four different eligible use categories, adhering to HSC 50243(e), including: Permanent Housing Solutions, Homeless Prevention, Interim Housing Solutions, and Non-Housing Solutions that can prevent or serve those experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

On December 22, 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department) released Request for Proposals (RFP) HSB-2026-001 to procure IH operations and supportive services for the TAY Navigation Center. The RFP was advertised through the Long Beach Homeless Services Bureau website and the Long Beach Press-Telegram on December 27, 2025, and 28 potential proposers specializing in IH operations and supportive services were notified of the RFP opportunity. The RFP document was made available from the Health Department, located on the Homeless Service Bureau's website at https://longbeach.gov/homelessness/procurements/. There were 3 proposals received on

January 26, 2026. Of those 3 proposers, none were Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs), Women-owned Business Enterprises (WBEs), or certified Small Business Enterprises (SBEs), and 1 was a Long Beach vendor (Local). The Selection Committee determined that Jovenes, Inc., of Los Angeles, CA, (None) was the most qualified firm to provide operation and supportive services for the TAY IH Program.

The selection of the agency was based on their ability to align with the program needs and terms of the RFP, project design, as well as their demonstrated capacity to deliver comprehensive support services tailored to the TAY population.

Funding for the TAY IH agreement will be derived through the HHAP grant in an annual total amount not to exceed $565,020. Renewal periods may include an annual funding adjustment per participant to account for inflated operational and supportive services costs. Annual funding adjustments will be awarded at the City's discretion.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Nicholas Masero on March 23, 2026, Procurement Analyst Tommy Ryan on March 20, 2026, and by Budget Analysis Officer Greg Sorensen on March 25, 2026.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action to adopt Specifications No. RFP HSB-2026-001 and award a contract concurrently is requested on April 14, 2026, to ensure the contract is in place expeditiously.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total annual amount of the contract will not exceed $565,020. Sufficient funding for this program has been secured through the State of California HHAP grant and is currently budgeted in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department, offset by grant revenues. Any indirect costs that might not be eligible for grant funds will be funded by the General Fund or other eligible grant funds and is estimated at $15,000. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. The award of this contract will provide continued support to our local economy by assisting in the preservation of employment for one full-time employee residing in Long Beach.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison King
Director
Health and Human Services

APPROVED:

THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER