



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: July 15, 2014

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Police Department, Patrol Division

SUBJECT: Service Agreement With "Thresholds To Recovery" For Operation Of The Sobering Center At The Faulding Hotel

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve and authorize the Chief of Police to negotiate and execute a three-year service agreement with Thresholds to Recovery, Inc., to operate the Sobering Center beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2017, with annual fees not to exceed \$206,652 in Fiscal Year 2015, \$208,716 in Fiscal Year 2016, and \$215,496 in Fiscal Year 2017.

DISCUSSION:

The City has used Thresholds to Recovery, Inc., to operate the Sobering Center at the Faulding Hotel since 1994. The purpose of the Sobering Center is to provide an opportunity for public inebriates to voluntarily get sober in a safe, alcohol-free environment, as opposed to being arrested and booked into Santa Barbara County Jail. Having public inebriates treated at the Sobering Center reduces police officers' time to address this issue and permits officers to remain in the City to handle other urgent matters.

From June 1, 2013, to May 31, 2014, Thresholds to Recovery, Inc., processed 414 first-time offenders and 288 repeat offenders for a total of 702 admissions. Since opening in 1994, Thresholds to Recovery, Inc., has processed approximately 13,400 first-time individual admissions and 21,600 total client admissions.

Funds to operate the Sobering Center come from monies previously allocated to pay for the public inebriates' jail booking fees. Personnel at Thresholds to Recovery are experts in the field of drug and alcohol programs, targeting low-income clients. Continued success is anticipated based on the positive program evaluations (performed annually) received over the past nine years. Sobering Center has continued to be an excellent treatment network for first-time offenders. Therefore, the Sobering Center is a valuable resource to the Police Department and the community.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Funding for this contract is included in the Police Department's Fiscal Year 2015 budget.

Thresholds to Recovery, Inc., has agreed to operate the Sobering Center for fees of up to \$206,652 in Fiscal Year 2015, \$208,716 in Fiscal Year 2016 and \$215,496 in Fiscal Year 2017. These amounts represent an increase of 4% in total operating costs over the three year period.

Thresholds to Recovery, Inc., is receiving funds that are legislatively appropriated on a single fiscal year basis. As such, the City reserves the right to cancel this Agreement upon not less than thirty (30) days' notice if funds are not appropriated in subsequent fiscal years or are otherwise made unavailable to the City to support continuation of the agreement.

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SUBMITTED BY: Camerino Sanchez, Chief of Police

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office