



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution approving a contract by and between The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County and Rite of Passage, Inc. for operation and management services for the Davidson County Juvenile Detention Facility.

WHEREAS, Section 4.12.240 of the Metropolitan Code provides that “all contracts for the provision of management services for correctional facilities owned by the metropolitan government, executed on or after January 1, 2017, must be approved by resolution of the metropolitan council, duly adopted by twenty-one affirmative votes”; and,

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County solicited offers for the operation and management of the Davidson County Juvenile Detention Facility pursuant to RFQ #344262; and,

WHEREAS, an intent to award has been issued to Rite of Passage, Inc., for the operation and management services; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the citizens of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that this contract be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That the contract between the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County and Rite of Passage, Inc. to provide operation and management services for the Davidson County Juvenile Detention Facility, attached hereto, is hereby approved.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

Analysis

This resolution approves a contract with Rite of Passage Inc., for the operation and management of the Davidson County Juvenile Detention Facility (“the Facility”).

The contract term begins on May 1, 2024, or the date when the agreement is approved by all parties and filed with the Metropolitan Clerk, whichever occurs later. The term extends for three years with two optional one-year renewals that can be approved by the Metro Purchasing Agent. The estimated contract value is \$24,000,000 for the initial term.

Rite of Passage, Inc., (“RPI”) will be responsible for all operation and management of the Facility. RPI must ensure that the Facility maintains American Correctional Association standards for juvenile detention facilities at all times at all times. The contract requires that there be a Metro contract monitor who will be granted access to the Facility and records and will meet with the Facility Director on a monthly basis.

The Facility Director must be approved by the Juvenile Court Judge. All new employees must undergo background checks and drug screening. RPI must provide adequate healthcare and nutrition and must provide

a fulltime on-site licensed counselor or social worker. RPI must also provide a dietician, an on-call psychiatrist 24/7, and an on-call physician. RPI will be responsible for implementing alternative behavior management options to reduce detainee isolation.

Within 30 days of the contract's effective date, RPI shall provide a set a comprehensive policies, procedures, and post orders consistent with American Correctional Association standards. These policies shall be subject to the written approval of the Juvenile Court Judge or a designee.

RPI shall also include any other policies and proceeds requested by the Juvenile Court Judge, including but not limited to waking hours for juveniles, reducing the use of isolation, respecting LGBTQI youth, juvenile searches and contraband control, escapes, and use of force. Any use of force policy is subject to the approval of the Metropolitan Department of Law.

RPI will be compensated based upon a per diem rate for each juvenile housed. The per diem amounts under the contract are as follows:

- Year 1 - \$429.76
- Year 2 - \$443.51
- Year 3 - \$457.70
- Year 4 - \$472.35
- Year 5 - \$487.46

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Fiscal Note: The estimated value of this contract number 6557735 with Rite of Passage, Inc. for operation and management of the Juvenile Detention Center is \$24,000,000 to be paid from Fund 10101, Business Unit 26111910. However, actual expenses may be paid from various department's fund and business unit when purchase orders are issued.