

CITY OF BETHLEHEM
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

SUBJECT: Request for Approval by City Council of Contract Award or Contract Price Increase Pursuant to City Ordinance, Article 121.05 (a)

Project or Contract Reference: Blight Remediation Strategy, The Reinvestment Fund

TO: City Council, all members, and Council Solicitor

FROM: Alicia Miller Karner, Department Head

DATE: June 19, 2017

On behalf of the Administration, pursuant to City Ordinances, Article 121.05, I request City Council's approval of the following recommendation of the referenced contract award or price increase.

- Check Type of Contract or Change:

The contract is for over \$50,000 and required to be bid under the Third Class City Code. We have advertised the above referenced project and received qualified bids. We recommend award of the contract to the bidder identified and for the reasons stated below.

The recommendation is for a price increase of 10% or more for an existing contract over \$50,000 that was previously bid and awarded under the Third Class City Code.

The contract is for the engagement of professional services. We have received and reviewed a proposal or proposals for professional services in connection with above referenced project or requirement for professional services. We recommend award of the contract.

- Is the contract appropriation or price increase included in this year's budget? yes
no

- Identify contract funding sources (general fund, grants, loans, etc.....):

\$25,000 from 2017 CDBG

\$25,000 from Keystone Communities Grant, Commonwealth of PA

\$50,000 from the Bethlehem Redevelopment Authority

- The name and address of the recommended Contractor/Vendor/Professional Service Provider/Lowest Responsible Bidder are:

The Reinvestment Fund
1700 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

- Term of contract or estimated completion date, subject to standard extensions:

August, 2017 – April 2018

- Description of project or scope of services to be provided:

Provide technical assistance in creating a full scope blight remediation plan for the city, which includes prioritization of problem properties, public engagement and implementation strategies.

- State the actual or estimated price to the City or the proposed Department budget allowance for the initial term; and state payment rate per unit of service if applicable:

\$100,000 for the entire study

- Number of renewal term options and duration of each renewal, if any:

N/A

- Maximum dollar value of all renewals provided for beyond the original term as if all renewals were exercised:

N/A

- Reasons for recommendation of Administration and Council approval of contract:

TRF's proposal was superior to other submissions and the cost was comparable to all other respondents.

Please approve this recommendation by passing the accompanying resolution. A vote of final approval is requested at the first City Council agenda listing of this matter.

By: 

Department Head

Copies To: Mayor
Director of Administration
Director of Budget and Finance
Law Bureau
Purchasing Bureau
Controller

Attachment: proposed resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Authorization for Contract or Amendment under Article 121.05(a)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bethlehem that the Mayor and the Controller and/or such other City officials as deemed appropriate by the City Solicitor, are hereby authorized to execute a Contract or Amendment and such other agreements and documents as are deemed by the City Solicitor to be necessary and/or related thereto, with the following named contractor, for the uses and purposes indicated in the supporting Recommendation of Award of Bid or Contract dated March 22, 2017:

1. Name of Contractor: The Reinvestment Fund
2. Project or Contract Reference: Creation of a Blight Remediation Plan for the City of Bethlehem

Sponsored by _____

ADOPTED by Council this _____ day of _____, 20__.

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk