



Legislation Text

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Contract No. 2300248

Approval for Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP) Service Delivery Partner - United Way for Southeastern Michigan

Agenda of: May 24, 2023

Item No.: **2023-120**

Amount: \$1,081,481

TO: The Honorable
Board of Directors
Great Lakes Water Authority

FROM: Suzanne R. Coffey P.E.
Chief Executive Officer
Great Lakes Water Authority

DATE: May 24, 2023

RE: **Contract No. 2300248**
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MOTION

Upon recommendation of Nicolette Bateson, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, the Board of Directors (Board) of the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA), authorizes the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to **enter into a one-year contract with an additional four (4) one-year options to renew Contract No. 2300248, at the same terms and conditions, to be exercised and approved by the CEO immediately following approval of the Budget contract for the Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP) Service Delivery Partner - United Way for Southeastern Michigan;** and authorizes the CEO to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

BACKGROUND

The Water Residential Assistance Program ("WRAP") provides assistance to qualifying low-income residents served by the Great Lakes Water Authority's ("GLWA") Member Partners through bill credits, arrearage payments and conservation measures such as minor plumbing repairs. The program is funded at an amount equal to one half of one percent (0.5%) of GLWA budgeted revenues with DWSD contributing additional local funding for the City of Detroit. WRAP is administered through local Service Delivery Partners such as County of Macomb (Macomb Community Action), United

Way for Southeastern Michigan and, Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency.

The Program serves the entire GLWA service area which consists of and is defined for purposes of this Contract as follows:

Area 1: City of Detroit

Area 2: City of Flint

Area 3: Wayne (not including Detroit), Washtenaw, and Monroe Counties

Area 4: Oakland County

Area 5: Macomb, St. Clair, and Lapeer Counties

JUSTIFICATION

In March 2020, GLWA engaged Public Sector Consultants (PSC) to evaluate WRAP. One of the objectives identified was: “Codify decentralized program delivery model to expand direct assistance by community action agencies in Macomb and Oakland counties”. Since then, individual contracts with County of Macomb (Macomb Community Action), United Way for Southeastern Michigan and, Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency have been secured. All three contracts are set to expire on June 30, 2023. A new contract is proposed will provide continuity of WRAP Services to Area 4, Oakland County, service by United Way for Southeastern Michigan.

The new, proposed contract with United Way for Southeastern Michigan for WRAP Service Delivery in Area 4 is for an initial term of one-year and provides for an additional four (4) one-year options to renew the contract, at the same terms and conditions, to be exercised and approved by the CEO immediately following approval of the Budget.

Because the WRAP amount available varies based on budgeted annual revenues, the proposed contract is structured with annual renewals in order to be able to update the dollar amount to align with GLWA's adopted budget.

Table 1 (attached) provides the FY24 WRAP Budget by Area. The budget includes both the service delivery partner fee (**not to exceed 15%**) as well as amounts for payment assistance and conservation efforts.

BUDGET IMPACT

The funding of this contract is paid from the budgeted WRAP funds each year and do not impact the annual budget.

COMMITTEE REVIEW

This matter was reviewed by the Audit Committee at its meetings on March 24, 2023 and on April 28, 2023. The Audit Committee unanimously recommends that the GLWA Board authorizes the CEO to enter into a one-year contract with an additional four (4) one-year options to renew Contract No. 2300248, at the same terms and conditions, to be exercised and approved by the CEO immediately following approval of the Budget contract for the Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP) Service Delivery Partner - United Way for Southeastern Michigan.

SHARED SERVICES IMPACT

This item does not impact the shared services agreement between GLWA and DWSD.

