

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL



DATE: August 5, 2014

TITLE: Lease Agreement between the City of Desert Hot Springs and ResCare Workforce Services

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RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement between the City of Desert Hot Springs and ResCare Workforce Services to lease a portion of the Lozano Community Center at Tedesco Park for "The Linking Innovation, Knowledge & Employment Project (@LIKE)," upon approval as to form by the City Attorney.

DISCUSSION

ResCare Workforce Services requests to lease a portion of the Lozano Center at Tedesco Park to provide a setting for "The Linking Innovation, Knowledge & Employment Project" (@LIKE). The mission of the project is to provide an intensive set of services to disconnected young adults to move them to positive education and/or employment outcomes. The target population is disconnected young adults, ages 16 to 24 who are out of school and work and who may be gang-involved, on aid, ex-offenders, low income or a recently separated veteran. The project provides support and services that will help participants with personal growth and development to gain internal capacities and resiliency. Programs include pre-employment services, job training, educational training and counseling through Greater Avenues for Independence Program (GAIN) and County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) or and/or similar programs. @LIKE participants will have both a Life Coach and a Case Manager to help deliver high-intensity services.

ResCare Workforce Services is funded directly by the Riverside County Economic Development Agency-Workforce Development to administer Workforce Investment Act (WIA) youth services and @LIKE to young adults. ResCare Workforce Services has been providing youth services in Riverside County for over 10 years. Many Desert Hot Springs youth commute to Indio to receive services from the Indio WIN Youth Opportunity Center. ResCare Workforce Services has a strong partnership with the Desert HealthCare District to assist youth with health services, nutrition, wellness and fitness. The Desert HealthCare District is supporting the program by providing funds through their District grant-making process. The Desert HealthCare District, through the @LIKE Project, will evaluate and assess the health and wellness progress of the participants. Also, the Desert HealthCare District, through their mini-grant process, will be providing funding for laptops and wi-fi for internet access to be used at the Lozano Community Center community room.

The lease agreement will be for approximately two (2) years (August 6, 2014 through June 30, 2016) with a 30 day termination notice, with the use of the Lozano Center community room being Mondays, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The @LIKE Project would like to begin programs and services on Wednesday, August 6, 2014. Staff is working with ResCare Workforce Services to obtain the necessary building lease agreement documents (certificate of liability insurance). Staff also confirmed with LiLaC, the non-profit who has a rental agreement with the City for the three offices and the community room, that there would not be conflict with the use of the facility.

FISCAL IMPACT

Revenues generated from the Lease Agreement would be \$1,200 per year based on the monthly rent of \$100.00.

EXHIBIT(S)

1. ResCare Workforce Services Request Letter