

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS OF CENTRAL IOWA 2012/13 ASSET CONTRACT

BACKGROUND:

During the ASSET process, several questions were raised about the services proposed by Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Iowa. The mentoring services that Big Brothers/Big Sisters provides were not presented in a way that gave staff a clear idea of what was service was being purchased. ASSET staff met with Big Brothers/Big Sisters several times to discuss the units of service that would be billed, the resources needed by the agency to provide the service, and whether the funders would be billed for services supplementary to mentoring, such as substance abuse education. During the ASSET allocations, the funders set aside placeholder amounts for 2012/13, with contracts to be issued once these issues were resolved. The City's allocated amount was \$12,500 for Community-Based Mentoring.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters has agreed to provide their billing in a unit of service that is acceptable to ASSET staff. ASSET Staff has also clarified that programs such as substance abuse education, which is a separately-funded ASSET program, do not qualify as mentoring visits.

Staff is now satisfied that the questions have been answered and that the cost of the service to the City is an appropriate amount.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve a 2012/13 ASSET contract with Big Brothers/Big Sisters in the amount of \$12,500.
2. Do not approve an ASSET contract with Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff believes that Big Brothers/Big Sisters has provided adequate information regarding how the mentoring program will be delivered to satisfy ASSET's concerns.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving a 2012/13 ASSET contract with Big Brothers/Big Sisters in the amount of \$12,500.