

46. Amendment of Contracts with Community Agencies to Support Students Experiencing Homelessness (\$2,770,000) – Added 6.11.2025

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Board of Education Meeting Date: 6/26/2025

Action Under Consideration

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With:

Valley Youth House Committee
Eddie's House Inc.
HopePHL

Purpose:

To provide programming that will assist in identifying and supporting students experiencing homelessness

Originally Authorized Start date: 1/1/2023

Originally Authorized End date: 6/30/2025

Amended Authorized End Date: 6/30/2027

Currently Authorized Compensation: \$5,360,000

Additional Compensation by Contractor:

All entities will be paid out of the additional aggregate amount not to exceed \$2,770,000

Total new Compensation: \$8,130,000

Location:

All Schools

Renewal Option(s):

Yes

Number of Options:

2

Duration of each option:

1 Year

Maximum Compensation authorized per option period, per contractor:

All entities will be paid out of an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,385,000 per option period

Description:

Why is this contract needed?

The School District of Philadelphia's Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) desires to extend its contracts with the three listed agencies. The work by these entities helps to increase identification of students experiencing homelessness, provide case management, and connect students and their families to resources and services. City Council has committed to providing funding of \$500,000 per year through 2028 to support these contracts.

The ECYEH team is tasked with identifying and removing education barriers for all children birth through age 21 in Philadelphia. Each year, ECYEH identifies approximately 10,000 children who are experiencing unstable housing. In addition to the support provided by the ECYEH team, the contracted agencies work directly with schools to provide case management support to families and students experiencing homelessness.

As referenced in section 2.7 of Accelerate Philly, schools cited a need to improve coordination between the District, schools, and these agencies. Additionally, school leaders shared that their ability to manage these partnerships can be cumbersome. The contracts with the agencies are managed directly within the ECYEH office to facilitate smooth and successful collaboration with schools. Counselors and other support staff can easily submit referrals to partners while the ECYEH office provides technical support.

How will the success of this contract be measured?

The success of these contracts will be measured by identifying and supporting students experiencing homelessness. The contracted agencies will receive referrals from schools and the ECYEH office. Agencies will provide case management support to families and students experiencing homelessness. In addition to the support provided to students, these contracts will help lessen the burden on counselors and school support staff. Agencies will continue to assist with school enrollment, uniform orders, and discretionary funds to meet the needs of our families.

If this is the continuation of a contract, how has success been measured in the past, and what specific information do we have to show that it was successful?

From January 2023 through March 2025, the contracted agencies have served approximately 2,000 individual youth experiencing homelessness. This includes all children birth through age 21 in Philadelphia. In addition to students currently enrolled in the District, the agencies also support siblings from birth - pre-k, and youth who are seeking to re-enroll in school as a result of dropping out.

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Related resolution(s)/action item(s)

October 27, 2022; B-8

October 24, 2024; B-29

Funding Source(s)

FY 26 Operating and Categorical

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Office Originating Request:

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