

## Legislation Text

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### **Item Description:**

Agmt PR00005981 with The Network for Better Futures dba Better Futures Minnesota to provide janitorial services at East Lake Library, Nokomis Library, Northeast Library and Pierre Bottineau Library, 04/01/24-03/31/27, NTE \$450,000

### **Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Agreement PR00005981 with The Network for Better Futures dba Better Futures Minnesota to provide janitorial services at East Lake Library, Nokomis Library, Northeast Library and Pierre Bottineau Library, for the period of April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2027, with a not to exceed amount of \$450,000, be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on the behalf of Hennepin County; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Purchasing Manager may:

- Extend the Agreement up to an additional two-year period (two - one (1) year extension options if mutually agreed upon) and allow for a month-to-month holdover, if necessary, when rebidding;
- Increase the Agreement amount, as necessary;
- Increase / Decrease the Scope of Services, as necessary; and
- Add / or Remove Facilities, as necessary.

### **Background:**

Under the provisions of Minnesota Statute 383B.145, subdivision 5, the County Board may set aside an amount for awarding contracts to businesses and social service organizations which have a majority of employees who would be eligible for public assistance or who would require rehabilitative services in the absence of their employment. The statute further permits the board to use a negotiated price or a bid contract procedure in the awarding of a procurement contract under the set-aside program.

The Network for Better Futures dba Better Futures providing job training and support services for primarily African American men with histories of incarceration, substance abuse, mental illness, chronic unemployment, and being unhoused. The organization not only focuses on providing short term work, access to job training, and job placement but also on community building and renewal, promoting a sense of belonging, volunteer service, and reengagement with family and friends to combat the often-overlooked isolation faced by program participants.

### **Current Request:**

Approval of a set-aside contract, PR00005981, with The Network for Better Futures dba Better Futures Minnesota in the not to exceed amount of amount of \$450,000 to provide janitorial services at East Lake Library, Nokomis Library, Northeast Library and Pierre Bottineau Library, for the period of April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2027.

### **Impact/Outcomes:**

These agreements support the county's effort to reduce disparities in the employment domain by providing job training and other services to individuals with histories of incarceration, substance abuse, or other challenges.

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval