



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 6.3

DATE: January 26, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Brent Smith, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement with Block by Block-CA, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$642,315 for FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27 to provide essential health and sanitation services through the Community Ambassador Program.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends City Council authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Livermore and Block by Block-CA, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$642,315 for FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27 to provide essential health and sanitation services through the Community Ambassador Program.

DECISION TYPE

Administrative

SUMMARY

Block by Block-CA, Inc., (BBB) delivers essential health and sanitation services through the Livermore Community Ambassador Program, including biohazard clean-up, power washing, syringe disposal, trash removal, and safety-related outreach. From July 2024 to June 2025, BBB completed over 5,400 clean-up operations and items, removed 136,025 pounds of debris, and provided 380 referrals and bus passes to unhoused individuals.

Since 2018, the City Council has expanded support for BBB through pilot programs, Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) funding, and annual General Fund allocations. BBB continues to collaborate with city departments, local nonprofits, and Alameda County to address encampments, respond to resident concerns, and support regional public health efforts.

Staff recommend approving a General Services Agreement with BBB in an amount not to exceed \$642,315 for FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27.

DISCUSSION

BBB plays a vital role in supporting public health and sanitation through the Livermore Community Ambassador Program. Services include biohazard clean-up, power washing, drug paraphernalia and syringe disposal, trash removal, and safety related response throughout the city. In addition to encampment resolution, BBB engages directly with concerned residents, provides referrals and bus passes to unhoused individuals, and facilitates ongoing collaboration with city departments and local service providers.

From July 1, 2024, through November 2025, BBB delivered the following services:

Service	Quantity
Power Washing and Bio-Hazard Cleanup	4,913
Drug Paraphernalia and Syringe Disposal	2,792
Trash Removed Through Encampment Resolution (lbs.)	138,205
Homeless Referrals and Bus Passes Distributed	578

Program and Funding History

Since 2018, the City Council has steadily expanded support for BBB public health and sanitation services, addressing the community impacts and needs of unsheltered residents. Initial pilot programs were approved in 2018 to provide biohazard clean-up in response to growing public health concerns. In 2019, the City launched the Community Ambassador Program using one-time Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) funding.

To sustain these efforts, Council allocated \$100,000 from the General Fund in 2020 (Resolution No. 2020-213). Following the expiration of HEAP funding, Council awarded \$272,000 in FY 2021-22 from the General Fund (Resolution No. 2021-056) and reaffirmed its commitment in 2022 by approving \$272,400 to continue operations, including biohazard clean-up, trash removal, and safety services (Resolution No. 2022-109). In 2023, Council approved \$664,846 to extend services through a 27-month term ending in FY 2024-25 (Resolution No. 2023-018).

Cross-Agency Collaboration

BBB maintains strong partnerships across city and county departments, providing support in the following areas:

- Neighborhood Preservation Division: Supports mitigation of illegal dumping in areas impacted by homelessness.
- Public Works Department: Coordinates site clean-ups to ensure safe access to public infrastructure and utilities.
- Police Department: Assists Homeless Liaison Officers in encampment abatement operations, prioritizing safety and outreach.
- Human Services Division: Participates in regional initiatives, including the annual Point-in-Time Count and the Tri-Valley Homeless Roundtable.
- Local Service Providers: Collaborates with nonprofit organizations to connect unhoused individuals with shelter, outreach, and supportive services.
- Alameda County Partnership: Contributes program data to support Clean Water Program reporting

and compliance efforts.

- Emergency Operations Coordination: Aids in notifying unhoused residents of seasonal weather advisories and emergency shelter availability.
- Community Engagement: Addresses Homeless Service Request Forms submitted by residents, coordinating appropriate outreach and cleanup efforts to resolve concerns related to encampments and associated debris

Staff recommend approval of a General Services Agreement between the City of Livermore and BBB in an amount not to exceed \$642,315 for FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27 to provide essential health and sanitation services through the Community Ambassador Program.

FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACTS

Funding for Block by Block, CA Inc., in the amount of \$642,315 is included in the approved FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27 General Fund budget.

COMMUNITY PILLAR

1. A Safe Community that Thrives

GOAL

8. Expand and improve access to human services

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution

2. Exhibit A - Agreement

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