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NOTICE OF INTENT TO DIRECT AWARD
Building Safer Communities

January 30, 2024

The City of Vernon, British Columbia, in alignment with the Building Safer Communities Fund, administered by Public Safety Canada (PSC), and in conjunction with Urban Matters accepted applications from community organizations that were interested in taking the lead on one or more of the three key projects identified in the [Vernon Gun and Gang Violence Prevention Strategy](#) (the Strategy).

Funding Amount: The City of Vernon has been approved for federal funding from the Building Safer Communities Fund. The funding available to support these community projects is allocated in annual increments as follows:

- Federal Fiscal Year 2023-24 – up to \$300,000
- Federal Fiscal Year 2024-25 - \$300,000
- Federal Fiscal Year 2025-26 - \$160,000

Notice is hereby given by the Corporation of the City of Vernon (“the City”) of its intent to award contracts for the three key projects to the organizations identified below:

1. **North Okanagan Youth and Family Services (NOYFSS) - Outreach & Navigator Support:**
 - Create an outreach and navigator program to support at-risk youth, especially during the hours the Vernon Youth Safe House is closed.
2. **Okanagan Indian Band (OKIB) - Indigenous Youth Mentorship Program:**
 - Develop an Indigenous, peer-based youth mentorship program that emphasizes the reduction of discrimination, promotes cultural awareness, and fosters a sense of belonging for Indigenous youth.
3. **Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) - Waitlist Management Program:**
 - Establish a program to manage and support children and youth on service waitlists, ensuring they do not experience further negative outcomes due to delayed access to necessary services.

The City did not publish a formal call for Vendor proposals for the following reasons:

1. Social Services are exempt from the Competitive Bid Process as per City Purchasing Policy and applicable governing Trade Treaties.
2. The scope of resources and services are specialized and those community organizations readily positioned to provide these services to the standards required were invited to submit applications.

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Closing date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 2:00 pm