

ORDINANCE

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

CITY HALL: February 26, 2026

CALENDAR NO. 35,341

NO. _____ MAYOR COUNCIL SERIES

BY: COUNCILMEMBER KING (BY REQUEST)

AN ORDINANCE to authorize the Mayor of the City of New Orleans to enter into Amendment No. 4 to a previously executed Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (“CEA”) between the City of New Orleans (the “City”), and Healing Minds Nola relative to the public purpose of supporting the New Orleans Assisted Outpatient Treatment (“AOT”) program’s ability to coordinate physicians to conduct mental health evaluations for prospective AOT participants in compliance with the Louisiana Revised Statutes 28:66 et seq., and to compensate physicians for same by operating the AOT programs through the Orleans Parish Civil District Court and working to connect people in need of mental health treatment to appropriate resources through case management and court supervision; to modify the provisions thereof and extend the term thereof for one (1) additional year, as more fully set forth in the Amendment No. 4 form attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and made a part hereof; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority contained in Article 7, Section 14(C) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, and statutory authority supplemental thereto, the State of Louisiana and its political subdivisions, including the City, may enter into cooperative endeavors with each other, or with any public or private corporation or individual; and further pursuant to Section 9-314 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of New Orleans, the City may enter into cooperative endeavors with any public or private association, corporation, or individual for activities in support of economic growth and other public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City and Healing Minds Nola desire to modify the provisions of and extend the term thereof for one (1) additional year, a previously executed Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between

the City and Healing Minds Nola relative to the valued public purpose of supporting the New Orleans AOT program’s ability to coordinate physicians to conduct mental health evaluations for prospective AOT participants in compliance with the Louisiana Revised Statutes 28:66 et seq., and to compensate physicians for same by operating the AOT programs through the Orleans Civil District Court and working to connect people in need of mental health treatment to appropriate resources through case management and court supervision in the City of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Healing Minds Nola will coordinate and pay for physician evaluations of AOT candidates and the City will benefit from the program’s services by connecting citizens in need to mental health treatment and case management; and

WHEREAS, the City and Healing Minds Nola desire to enter into this Amendment No.4 to provide for supporting the New Orleans AOT program’s ability to coordinate physicians to conduct mental health evaluations for prospective AOT participants in compliance with the Louisiana Revised Statutes 28:66 et seq., and to compensate physicians for same by operating the AOT programs through the Orleans Parish Civil District Court and works to connect people in need of mental health treatment to appropriate resources through case management and court supervision and to set forth certain other matters in connection therewith;

NOW THEREFORE

1 **SECTION 1. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS HEREBY ORDAINS**, That
2 the Mayor, on behalf of the City of New Orleans, is hereby authorized to enter into Amendment No. 4 in the
3 form attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, to the previously executed Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between
4 the City of New Orleans and Healing Minds Nola to modify the provisions of and extend the term thereof for
5 one (1) additional year said previously executed CEA relative to the valued public purpose of supporting the
6 New Orleans AOT program’s ability to coordinate physicians to conduct mental health evaluations for
7 prospective AOT participants in compliance with the Louisiana Revised Statutes 28:66 *et seq.*, and to
8 compensate physicians for same by operating the AOT programs through the Orleans Parish Civil District

9 Court and working to connect people in need of mental health treatment to appropriate resources through
10 case management and court supervision in the City of New Orleans.

1 **SECTION 2.** That said Amendment No.4 to the previously executed CEA is attached hereto as Exhibit
2 “A” and incorporated and made a part hereof.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS _____

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

DELIVERED TO THE MAYOR ON _____

APPROVED:
DISAPPROVED: _____

MAYOR

RETURNED BY THE MAYOR ON _____ **AT** _____

CLERK OF COUNCIL

ROLL CALL VOTE:
YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

RECUSED:

EXHIBIT A

**AMENDMENT NUMBER 4 TO THE
COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS AND HEALING MINDS NOLA**

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AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

AND

HEALING MINDS NOLA

NEW ORLEANS ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT PROGRAM

THIS FOURTH AMENDMENT is made and entered into by and between the City of New Orleans, represented by Helena N. Moreno, Mayor (the “**City**”), and Healing Minds NOLA, represented by Janet Hays, President/Director (the “**Contractor**”). The City and the Contractor may sometimes be collectively referred to as the “**Parties.**” The Agreement is effective as of January 1, 2026 (the “**Effective Date**”).

WHEREAS, the City and the Contractor are parties to a cooperative endeavor agreement, effective January 1, 2022, to support the operations of the New Orleans Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) program (“the **Agreement**”);

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2023, the Agreement was amended by the City and the Contractor to extend the term, increase compensation, and modify the obligations (“**First Amendment**”);

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2024, the Agreement was amended by the City and the Contractor to extend the term, increase compensation, and modify the obligations (“**Second Amendment**”);

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2025, the Agreement was amended by the City and the Contractor to extend the term, increase compensation, and modify the obligations (“**Third Amendment**”);

WHEREAS, the City and the Contractor, each having the authority to do so, desire to enter this Amendment to increase the funding amount and extend the term.

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the City and the Contractor amend the Agreement as follows:

1) **Extension**: The Agreement is extended for one (1) additional year through December 31, 2026.

2) **Compensation**: The Agreement is amended to increase the compensation in the amount of \$75,000.00. The maximum aggregate compensation payable under the Agreement is increased to \$450,000.00.

3) **Obligations**: The following obligations set forth in the Agreement and prior Amendments, shall be removed from the First Amendment, Obligations:

b. Hire one (1) AOT Program Assistant to perform duties set forth I Exhibit A.

4) **Additional Miscellaneous Provisions**: The following terms and conditions are restated or added to the Agreement:

a. **Convicted Felon Statement**: The Contractor swears that it complies with City Code § 2-8(c). No Contractor principal, member, or officer has, within the preceding five years, been convicted of, or pled guilty to, a felony under state or federal statutes for

embezzlement, theft of public funds, bribery, or falsification or destruction of public records.

- b. **Non-Solicitation Statement:** The Contractor swears that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for it, to solicit or secure this Amendment. The Contractor has not paid or agreed to pay any person, other than a bona fide employee working for it, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from this Amendment.
- c. **Prior Terms Binding:** Except as otherwise provided by this Amendment, the terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect.
- d. **Electronic Signature and Delivery.** The Parties agree that a manually signed copy of this Amendment and any other document(s) attached to this Amendment delivered by facsimile, email or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Amendment. No legally binding obligation shall be created with respect to a party until such party has delivered or caused to be delivered a manually signed copy of this Amendment.

[SIGNATURES CONTAINED ON NEXT PAGE]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City and the Contractor, through their duly authorized representatives, execute this Amendment.

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

BY: _____
HELENA N. MORENO, MAYOR

Executed on this _____ of _____, 2026

FORM AND LEGALITY APPROVED:
Law Department

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

HEALING MINDS NOLA

BY: _____
JANET HAYS, PRESIDENT/DIRECTOR

FEDERAL TAX I.D.

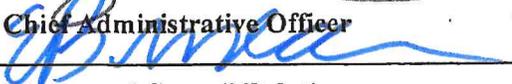
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Person responsible for routing

**CHECK SHEET TO BE USED FOR
CLEARING ORDINANCES, MOTIONS, AND RESOLUTIONS
BEFORE SUBMISSION TO COUNCIL CLERK**

The originating agency shall attach a copy of each proposed ordinance, motion, or resolution to the check sheet for processing in the sequence indicated after preparing a synopsis. The detailed memorandum of explanation shall also be attached to this check sheet.

SYNOPSIS OF DOCUMENT: An ordinance to extend the term of an existing CEA between the City of New Orleans and Healing Minds Nola for one (1) additional year to coordinate physicians to conduct mental health evaluations and to compensate physicians for same by operating the Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) program through the Orleans Civil District Court.

- 1. 
Department Head
- 2. 
Department of Law
- 3. 
Chief Administrative Officer
- 4. 
Director of Council Relations
- 5. _____
Initials of Sponsoring Council Member

COUNCIL ACTION

Council Members Present: _____

Absent: _____

AMENDMENTS:

FINAL ADOPTION:

_____ MOVED: _____
 _____ 2ND: _____
 _____ YEAS: _____
 _____ NAYS: _____
 _____ ABSENT: _____
 _____ RECUSED: _____



LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

TO ACCOMPANY ORDINANCES

BEFORE SUBMISSION TO CLERK OF COUNCIL

Requesting Department or Agency: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Initials of Sponsoring Councilmember(s): _____

DETAILED SYNOPSIS OF THE ORDINANCE

Please generally describe the purpose, intent, and effect of the proposed ordinance.



LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

If the Ordinance is to effectuate a contract, CEA, or other similar agreement (hereafter contract), please provide the following additional information.

If this section is not applicable, please check this box.

The parties involved:

The obligations, expectations, and deliverables of the parties involved:

Any fiscal implications for the City with the contract:

The public purpose and need for the contract:

The duration of the contract:



LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

If the Ordinance is to effectuate an amendment to the Codes of the City of New Orleans, please provide the following additional information.

If this section is not applicable, please check this box.

The existing provision(s) of the Code being proposed for amendment:

The general content/requirements of the existing Code provision:

How the proposed ordinance will alter the existing Code provision(s):

Why these changes are needed:

REQUESTED ADOPTION DATE: _____

Reference: Council Rule 41 & City Code Section 2-813