



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
September 15, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager

Submitted by: Scott Gilman, Director, Health, Housing, and Community Services

Subject: Revenue Contract: MARU for Aging Services - Information and Assistance
Fiscal Years 2027 - 2030

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to accept grant funding and execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments with MARU (formally known as Korean Community Center of the East Bay), an East Bay non-profit organization. This funding will support Information and Assistance Services for Berkeley seniors from Fiscal Year 2027 through Fiscal Year 2030 (FY 2027 - FY 2030) in the projected annual amount of \$169,347.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The City of Berkeley anticipates an initial \$169,347 grant from MARU for FY 2027. Funding will increase by 4% annually through FY 2030 to support Information and Assistance Services for Berkeley older adults. Future allocations remain subject to budget appropriations.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City applied for multiple county grants to fund local older adult programming. However, the Alameda County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) shifted its strategy this funding cycle, selecting a single county-wide vendor, MARU, instead of multiple regional vendors. Once MARU finalizes its contract with the County, it plans to subcontract with Berkeley to help fulfill regional Information and Assistance Services. This funding is secured for FY 2027, with anticipated annual renewals through FY 2030.

Effective January 1, 2026, local agencies are required to satisfy noticing requirements for certain contracts for services that meet the criteria outlined in Government Code Section 3504.1 as amended by AB 339. This is a revenue contract, and it does not meet the criteria in Government Code Section 3504.1 and is exempt from the noticing requirement.

BACKGROUND

The Aging Services Division combines funding from city, county, and state sources, alongside private donations, to serve Berkeley's senior residents. The department is

dedicated to maintaining a vibrant network of community care, providing nutritious meals, recreational activities, social events, educational classes, and direct resource referrals for older adults and their families.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no environmental impacts identified.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

These pass-thru funds from the County through MARU provide critical financial support to ensure the City can continue operating its robust programming at both the North and South Berkeley Senior Centers, as well as maintaining dedicated case management services for vulnerable older adults.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The City reviews all outside funding to ensure it aligns with our community goals. If the City chooses not to accept these grants, it will result in an immediate and significant reduction in vital services available to Berkeley seniors.

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Attachments:

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

REVENUE CONTRACT: MARU FOR INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE - FISCAL
YEARS 2027-2030

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley Department of Health, Housing & Community Services (HHCS) provides a broad range of community services to the community; and

WHEREAS, HHCS' Aging Services Division provides a broad range of services to Berkeley seniors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley should seek outside funding wherever possible to fund vital senior services; and

WHEREAS, Alameda County awarded funding to MARU to provide Information and Assistance for Alameda County, and MARU will be subcontracting with the City of Berkeley Aging Services Division for Fiscal Years 2027-2030 in the approximate amount of \$169,347 with an estimated annual increase of 4% (Revenue Budget Code 327-51-505-541-2035-000-000-433110-) to support the Berkeley older adult community; and

WHEREAS, the funds will support the coordination and delivery of Information and Assistance services to the older adult community (Budget Code 327-51-505-544-2035-000-444 various); and

WHEREAS, this contract is exempt from the noticing requirements set forth in Government Code Section 3504.1.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or designee is hereby authorized to submit a contract agreement to MARU for funding for Fiscal Years 2027-2030 for Information and Assistance, and to accept the grants and to execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments in line with the grant awards, including any annual increases and term extensions, and which may be larger or smaller than the projected annual award of \$169,347. A record signature copy of said agreements and any amendments shall be on file in the office of the City Clerk.

