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Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
November 17, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager

Submitted by: Scott Gilman, Director, Health, Housing & Community Services Department

Subject: Contracts for Behavioral Health Early Intervention Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt five Resolutions authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) funded contracts and any amendments, with the following vendors outlined below, for behavioral health early intervention services in an amount not to exceed $1,500,000 ($300,000 per each contract) for the term of December 1, 2026, to June 30, 2029:

1.) Village of Love Foundation: For $100,000 a year for three years, for an amount not to exceed $300,000, for behavioral health early intervention services for African Americans;
2.) East Bay Sanctuary Covenant: For $100,000 a year for three years, for an amount not to exceed $300,000, for behavioral health early intervention services for Latinos/Latinas/Latine;
3.) Center for Independent Living: For $100,000 a year for three years, for an amount not to exceed $300,000, for behavioral health early intervention services for Older Adults;
4.) Pacific Center for Human Growth: For $100,000 a year for three years, for an amount not to exceed $300,000, for behavioral health early intervention services for Transition Age Youth in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Agender, Plus (LGBTQIA+) population; and
5.) Youth Spirit Artworks: For $100,000 a year for three years, for an amount not to exceed $300,000, for behavioral health early intervention services for Transition Age Youth.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding from BHSA revenue received from the State of California in the amount of $500,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2027 budget in Fund 315 BHSS.

Funding for Fiscal Years 2028 and 2029 ($500,000 a year) will be included in future year budgets.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

On June 16, 2026, by Resolution No. 72,318-N.S., the City of Berkeley BHSA Fiscal Years 2027-2029 Three-Year Integrated Plan (BHSA IP) was approved by City Council. The approved BHSA IP includes funding for behavioral health early intervention services for the following diverse populations: African Americans, Latino/Latina/Latinx (Latine); Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Agender, Plus (LGBTQIA+), Older Adults, and Transition Age Youth.

In August 2026, through Bid Specification No. 26-11793-C, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was executed to obtain vendors to provide early intervention services for these populations. Following the scoring of proposals by a Review Panel that included City staff and a community member, the proposed vendors were the chosen recommended bidders to provide behavioral health early intervention services to the specified populations.

The RFP process resulted in five proposed vendors to provide services to each of the targeted populations. Two of the proposed vendors (Pacific Center for Human Growth, and Youth Spirit Artworks) will provide services for the Transition Age Youth Population. While it was originally envisioned that one of the populations to receive early intervention services through this RFP process would be the LGBTQIA+ population, the only proposal received for services specific to this population were for Transition Age Youth. The Pacific Center for Human Growth proposal will serve Transition Age Youth who specifically identify as LGBTQIA+. Youth Spirit Artworks will provide services to the larger Transition Age Youth population. Although not originally planned, funding two vendors to serve this youth population is in line with community input received in the planning for the BHSA IP, as services for Transition Age Youth were deemed as the highest rated need in Berkeley.

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. Each contract is subject to the requirements of Government Code Section 3504.1 and the noticing requirements have been satisfied. All five contracts will advance the Strategic Plan goal to champion and demonstrate social and racial equity.

BACKGROUND

On July 1, 2026, the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) became effective. BHSA modernized and replaced the previous Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) State legislation which adds a 1% tax on every dollar of personal income over $1 million. BHSA revenues are allocated to mental health/behavioral health jurisdictions across the state to be utilized on local programming and housing interventions for individuals experiencing significant mental health or behavioral health, and housing needs. BHSA provides funding across three components:

- Full Services Partnerships (FSP): Primarily for treatment services and supports for Severely Mentally Ill Adults and Seriously Emotionally Disturbed Children.

- Behavioral Health Services and Supports (BHSS): For Early Intervention, Mental Health and Behavioral Health Services and Supports; Outreach and Engagement; Workforce Education and Training; Capital Facilities and Technological Needs and Innovative Projects.

- Housing Interventions: For permanent supportive housing, rental subsidies, operating subsidies, capital development, and other housing supports for individuals with serious behavioral health needs who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

The BHSS component requires 51% of funds to be utilized on behavioral health early intervention services. Early intervention programs prevent mental illnesses and substance use disorders from becoming severe and disabling and reduce disparities in behavioral health outcomes. Each vendor will be providing outreach to the targeted population, access and linkage to services, and Behavioral Health treatment services and supports where appropriate.

In order to utilize BHSA funds, Three-Year Integrated Plans, and Annual Updates that are informed by area stakeholders, and detail the proposed uses of funds, must be locally developed and approved by City Council. Per state legislation, BHSA Plans and Annual Updates must also include all other City of Berkeley Mental Health funding sources. In addition to providing crucial mental health and behavioral health services for individuals in need, BHSA funds will advance the City's Strategic Plan goal of providing housing support services for the most vulnerable community members in Berkeley.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects, climate impacts, or sustainability opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Each of the vendors listed were chosen through a Review Panel that scored proposals received and submitted recommendations for funding. Vendors were chosen based on a combination of program methodology, knowledge of, and experience working with the targeted population.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Staff recommends contracting with these qualified community-based organizations because their established relationships with the identified populations and specialized service capabilities provide higher levels of service more quickly than any alternative.

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Attachments:
1: Resolution – Contract: Village of Love Foundation
2: Resolution – Contract: East Bay Sanctuary Covenant
3. Resolution – Contract: Center for Independent Living
4. Resolution – Contract: Pacific Center for Human Growth
5. Resolution – Contract: Youth Spirit Artworks

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

CONTRACT: VILLAGE OF LOVE FOUNDATION - FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2026, the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) which modernized and replaced the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), became effective; and

WHEREAS, the BHSA allocates annually recurring funding to mental health jurisdictions across the following state mandated components: Full Services Partnerships (FSP), Behavioral Health Services and Supports (BHSS), and Housing Interventions; and

WHEREAS, the BHSA BHSS component requires 51% of funds to be used for Behavioral Health Early Intervention Services; and

WHEREAS, in order to utilize BHSA funds, Three-Year Integrated Plans and Annual Updates are required to be locally developed, and approved by City Council; and

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2026, by Resolution No. 72,318-N.S., the City of Berkeley BHSA Fiscal Years 2027-2029 Three-Year Integrated Plan was approved by City Council; and

WHEREAS, the approved plan includes funding to implement behavioral health early intervention services for African Americans; and

WHEREAS, per Bid Specification No. 26-11793-C, a Request for Proposal was executed to obtain a contractor to provide behavioral health early intervention Services for African Americans; and

WHEREAS, following the scoring of proposals by a Review Panel that included City staff and a community member, Village of Love Foundation was the chosen bidder to provide behavioral health early intervention services for African Americans, and

WHEREAS, funding is available for this contract in the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget in Fund 315 BHSA in the amount of $100,000, and funding for Fiscal Years 2028 and 2029 ($100,000 a year) will be added to future years budgets.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or designee is authorized to execute a contract and any amendments with Village of Love Foundation for behavioral health early intervention services for African Americans, for $100,000 a year for three years, for a total amount not to exceed $300,000 through June 30, 2029. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the City Clerk Department.

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

CONTRACT: EAST BAY SANCTUARY COVENANT - FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR LATINOS/LATINAS/LATINX (LATINE)

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2026, the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) which modernized and replaced the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), became effective; and

WHEREAS, the BHSA allocates annually recurring funding to mental health jurisdictions across the following state mandated components: Full Services Partnerships (FSP), Behavioral Health Services and Supports (BHSS), and Housing Interventions; and

WHEREAS, the BHSS component requires 51% of funds to be used for behavioral health early intervention services; and

WHEREAS, in order to utilize BHSA funds, Three-Year Integrated Plans and Annual Updates are required to be locally developed, and approved by City Council; and

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2026, by Resolution No. 72,318-N.S., the City of Berkeley BHSA Fiscal Years 2027-2029 Three-Year Integrated Plan was approved by City Council; and

WHEREAS, the approved plan includes funding to implement behavioral health early intervention services for Latinos/Latinas/Latinx (Latine); and

WHEREAS, per Bid Specification No. 26-11793-C, a Request for Proposal was executed to obtain a contractor to provide behavioral health early intervention services for Latine; and

WHEREAS, following the scoring of proposals by a Review Panel that included City staff and a community member, East Bay Sanctuary Covenant was the chosen bidder to provide behavioral health early intervention services for Latine, and

WHEREAS, funding is available for this contract in the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget in in Fund 315 BHSA the amount of $100,000, and funding for Fiscal Years 2028 and 2029 ($100,000 a year) will be added to future years budgets.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or designee is authorized to execute a contract and any amendments with East Bay Sanctuary Covenant for behavioral health early intervention services for Latine, for $100,000 a year for three years, for a total amount not to exceed $300,000 through June 30, 2029. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the City Clerk Department.

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

CONTRACT: CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING - FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2026, the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) which modernized and replaced the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), became effective; and

WHEREAS, the BHSA allocates annually recurring funding to mental health jurisdictions across the following state mandated components: Full Services Partnerships (FSP), Behavioral Health Services and Supports (BHSS), and Housing Interventions; and

WHEREAS, the BHSS component requires 51% of funds to be used for behavioral health early intervention services; and

WHEREAS, in order to utilize BHSA funds, Three-Year Integrated Plans and Annual Updates are required to be locally developed, and approved by City Council; and

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2026, by Resolution No. 72,318-N.S., the City of Berkeley BHSA Fiscal Years 2027-2029 Three-Year Integrated Plan was approved by City Council; and

WHEREAS, the approved plan includes funding to implement behavioral health early intervention services Older Adults; and

WHEREAS, per Bid Specification 26-11793-C, a Request for Proposal was executed to obtain a contractor to provide behavioral health early intervention services for Older Adults; and

WHEREAS, following the scoring of proposals by a Review Panel that included City staff and a community member, the Center for Independent Living was the chosen bidder to provide behavioral health early intervention services for Older Adults, and

WHEREAS, funding is available for this contract in the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget in Fund 315 BHSA in the amount of $100,000, and funding for Fiscal Years 2028 and 2029 ($100,000 a year) will be added to future years budgets.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or designee is authorized to execute a contract and any amendments with the Center for independent Living for behavioral health early intervention services for Older Adults, for $100,000 a year for three years, for a total amount not to exceed $300,000 through June 30, 2029. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the City Clerk Department.

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

CONTRACT: PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH - FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, INTERSEX, AGENDER PLUS TRANSITION AGE YOUTH

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2026, the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) which modernized and replaced the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), became effective; and

WHEREAS, the BHSA allocates annually recurring funding to mental health jurisdictions across the following state mandated components: Full Services Partnerships (FSP), Behavioral Health Services and Supports (BHSS), and Housing Interventions; and

WHEREAS, the BHSA BHSS component requires 51% of funds to be used for behavioral health early intervention services; and

WHEREAS, in order to utilize BHSA funds, Three-Year Integrated Plans and Annual Updates are required to be locally developed, and approved by City Council; and

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2026, by Resolution No. 72,318-N.S., the City of Berkeley BHSA Fiscal Years 2027-2029 Three-Year Integrated Plan was approved by City Council; and

WHEREAS, the approved plan includes funding to implement behavioral health early intervention services for the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Agender, Plus (LGBTQIA+) population; and

WHEREAS, per Bid Specification No. 26-11793-C, a Request for Proposal was executed to obtain a contractor to provide behavioral health early intervention services for LGBTQIA+; and

WHEREAS, following the scoring of proposals by a Review Panel that included City staff and a community member, Pacific Center for Human Growth, who submitted a proposal specifically for services for LGBTQIA+ Transition Age Youth, was the chosen bidder to provide Behavioral Health Early Intervention Services for LGBTQIA+ Transition Age Youth; and

WHEREAS, funding is available for this contract in the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget in Fund 315 BHSA in the amount of $100,000, and funding for Fiscal Years 2028 and 2029 ($100,000 a year) will be added to future years budgets.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or designee is authorized to execute a contract and any amendments with the Pacific Center for Human Growth for behavioral health early intervention services for LGBTQIA+ Transition Age Youth, for $100,000 a year for three years, for a total amount not to exceed $300,000 through June 30, 2029. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the City Clerk Department.

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

CONTRACT: YOUTH SPIRIT ARTWORKS - FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR TRANSITION AGE YOUTH

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2026, the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) which modernized and replaced the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), became effective; and

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WHEREAS, the approved plan includes funding to implement behavioral health early intervention services for Transition Age Youth; and

WHEREAS, per Bid Specification No. 26-11793-C, a Request for Proposal was executed to obtain a contractor to provide behavioral health early intervention services for Transition Age Youth; and

WHEREAS, following the scoring of proposals by a Review Panel that included City staff and a community member, Youth Spirit Artworks was the chosen bidder to provide behavioral health early intervention services for Transition Age Youth, and

WHEREAS, funding is available for this contract in the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget in Fund 315 BHSA in the amount of $100,000, and funding for Fiscal Years 2028 and 2029 ($100,000 a year) will be added to future years budgets.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or designee is authorized to execute a contract and any amendments with Youth Spirit Artworks for behavioral health early intervention services for Transition Age Youth, for $100,000 a year for three years, for a total amount not to exceed $300,000 through June 30, 2029. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the City Clerk Department.