



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
November 12, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
 From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager  
 Submitted by: Kelly Wallace, Interim Director, Health, Housing & Community Services  
 Subject: Contract with BUSD for Mental Health MHSA-Funded Programs

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to execute a contract and any amendments with Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD) to provide Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funded programs in local schools through June 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$392,778.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funds for the scope of work in the amount of \$392,778 will be provided from ERMA GL Account 315-51-503-526-2016-000-451-636110 (\$92,778 for the Mental Health Peer Education and Supports Project; \$95,000 for the Dynamic Mindfulness Program; \$55,000 for the Supportive Schools Program; and \$150,000 for the African American Success Project). All of the funding will come from the Mental Health Services Act. The Contract Management System number for this contract is CMS No. RTH6X.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

In the Fiscal Year 19-20 Mental Health Services Act Plan Update, funding for three BUSD projects was continued, and funding for one additional project was added. This council item is the mechanism for approving a resolution so that funds for these projects can be transferred to BUSD and the Mental Health Division can provide oversight for that funding through monitoring an approved contract.

The Mental Health Division has worked closely with BUSD for many years, successfully implementing a variety of programs to meet the needs and enhance the well-being of the student body, providing a solid foundation for the development of our community's young minds. Funding programs to be administered by BUSD has proven to be an effective model in the past, and allows educators to tailor the programs to each student's individual needs.

## BACKGROUND

This contract will encompass four separate programs, each of which will be administered by BUSD. The MHSA Plan FY2019-2020 Annual Update, approved by City Council on July 23, 2019, included funding for the following programs:

- Mental Health Peer Education Program (MEET)

This program implements a mental health curriculum for 9<sup>th</sup> graders and an internship program for a cohort of high school students in an effort to increase student awareness of common mental health difficulties, resources, and healthy coping and intervention skills. The funding for this program also supports coordination of mental health services within Berkeley High School.

- Dynamic Mindfulness Program (DMind)

An evidence-based trauma-informed program validated by independent researchers as a transformative program for teaching youth skills for optimal stress resilience and healing from trauma. The program components will include in-class and after-school sessions for students, student peer leadership development, training and coaching of school staff, and program evaluation.

- Supportive Schools (previously known as Building Effective Schools Together)

Through this program leveraged MSHA PEI funds provide resources to support mental health prevention and intervention services in the Berkeley Elementary schools. Services include: outreach; mental health programming; classroom, group, and one-on-one psycho-social education and support; and consultation with parents and/or teachers.

- African American Success Project (AASP)

Closely aligned with the work of Berkeley's 2020 Vision, the AASP works with African American youth and their families to actively engage students in the classroom and school life while creating a pathway for their long-term success. The project implements a three-pronged approach that includes case management and mentorship (which are individualized and tailored to meet each student's needs), community building, and family engagement.

Previously, the Mental Health Division had three separate contracts in place with BUSD, one each for MEET, DMind, and Supportive Schools. Along with adding in funding for the African American Success Project, the Mental Health Division is consolidating all the funding into one contract in order to consolidate contract monitoring responsibilities.

Previously approved contracts:

Mental Health Peer Education Program – Contract No. 10922.

Dynamic Mindfulness Program – Contract No. 31900099.  
Building Effective Schools Together – Contract No. 31900108.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the action recommended in this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

BUSD is a trusted partner in the implementation of programs to ensure students' needs are met in the most effective manner possible. Each of the programs funded by this contract were developed as a result of feedback from stakeholders, and went through a lengthy community input process before being presented to City Council as part of the MHSA Plan Annual Update. This recommendation allows for the implementation of the programs previously authorized by City Council in Resolution 69,033-N.S.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The contracts could remain separate, or City Council could decide not to fund these programs.

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Attachments:  
1: Resolution

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

CONTRACT: BUSD FOR MENTAL HEALTH MHSA-FUNDED PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, City Council approved the MHSA Plan FY2019-2020 Annual Update on July 23, 2019, which included funding for the programs to be included in the contract here; and

WHEREAS, community input and stakeholder feedback has determined a need for the programs being funded; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD) has been a trusted partner in the implementation of a variety of programs in collaboration with the City; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the current budget year in ERMA GL Account 315-51-503-526-2016-000-451-636110 (\$92,778 for the Mental Health Peer Education and Supports Project; \$95,000 for the Dynamic Mindfulness Program; \$55,000 for the Supportive Schools Program; and \$150,000 for the African American Success Project), and this contract has been entered in the Citywide contract database and assigned CMS No. RTH6X.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute a contract and any amendments with the Berkeley Unified School District for MHSA-funded programs through June 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$392,778. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the City Clerk Department.