



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
December 10, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Kelly Wallace, Interim Director, Health, Housing and Community Services Department

Subject: Revenue Contract: Community Services Block Grant for Calendar Year 2020

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to accept the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Contract Number 20F-3001, estimated to be \$266,863 to provide services for low-income people for the period January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Berkeley's Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) allocation for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 is currently estimated at \$266,863 (Community Action Program Fund - 334-51-504-530-0000-000-000-431110-). The CSBG allocation amount is included in the City's anti-poverty Community Action Fund and supports delivery and oversight of anti-poverty funds within the Health, Housing and Community Services Department. Should the CSBG 2020 award differ from the above-mentioned anticipated amount, the City will adjust the program delivery cost category. Program costs to the subcontractor are fixed at \$160,000 through the Community Agency Request for Proposal process that concluded in June of 2019.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City of Berkeley is a Community Action Agency (CAA) and therefore receives Community Services Block Grant funds (CSBG) to support anti-poverty programs. CSBG funds are part of the federal Department of Health and Human Services budget passed through the state to local CAAs. Historically, the City of Berkeley has awarded Community Services Block Grant funds to community service programs.

The Human Welfare and Community Action Commission (HWCAC) acts as the tri-partite advisory Board for CSBG funding. As such, it is responsible for reviewing performance of funded programs, reviewing compliance with the implementation of the community action program, providing public participation in the administration of the CSBG funds and advising Council on CSBG funding decisions. CSBG funds complement General Funds which are used for other critical community services that

address low-income needs, including disability and senior services, medical care, child care and additional homeless services. The Berkeley City Council is responsible for all final CSBG funding decisions.

The State of California Department of Community Services and Development has issued a notice to the City of Berkeley indicating both the contract number and the anticipated amount for Berkeley.

At its November 20, 2019 meeting, the Human Welfare and Community Action Commission (HWCAC) took action, M/S/C (Deyhim/Romo), to recommend that Council approve the 2020 CSBG funding contract. Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim, Romo; Noes – None; Abstain – Omodele; Absent – Smith, Sim.

BACKGROUND

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) supports the City of Berkeley's anti-poverty efforts at a minimum funded level. Over the years the funds have fluctuated, but have remained relatively steady for a number of years. The City received \$160,000 until December of 2005. In 2006 the award for minimum-funded agencies was increased to \$173,556. In 2008, the award for minimum-funded agencies increased to \$259,646 annually; in 2013 the award was reduced to \$244,908. In 2016 and 2017, the annual award was increased to \$265,577. In 2018 there was a slight reduction to an award of \$263,217. In 2019 the award slightly increased to \$266,863, which is the same award for 2020.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

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

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Community Services Block Grant is necessary to support the provision of services for residents living in poverty in Berkeley.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Rejecting CSBG funding would reduce funding for services to low-income Berkeley residents and HHCS staffing. This would negatively impact low-income services in Berkeley.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

REVENUE CONTRACT: 2019 COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG)

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley is a Community Action Agency and receives CSBG funds as the Berkeley Community Action Agency to support anti-poverty programs; and

WHEREAS, the Human Welfare and Community Action Commission (HWCAC) acts as an advisory tri-partite Board to the Council providing public participation in the governing process; and

WHEREAS, at the November 20, 2019 the HWCAC voted to recommend that Council approve the 2020 CSBG funding contract; and

WHEREAS, this CSBG revenue contract covers the calendar year 2020 (January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020) for a contract amount of \$266,863 (334-51-504-530-0000-000-444); and

WHEREAS, the funds have historically been used to support anti-poverty services and to support City of Berkeley oversight and management of anti-poverty programs (budget code (334-51-504-530-0000-000-444-Various to 334-51-504-535-0000-000-444-Various).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or her designee is authorized to accept Community Service Block Grant Contract Number 20F-3001 for an amount estimated to be \$266,863, and execute any resultant agreements and amendments to provide low-income services for the time period January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the anticipated \$266,863 award amount change, the City will continue to fund the subcontractor at the fixed amount of \$160,000 as determined by the Community Agency Request for Proposal process that concluded in June 2019, and adjust the budgeted amount for the City's program delivery costs. A record signature copy of said agreement and any amendments shall be on file in the office of the City Clerk.

