



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

November 17, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Lisa Warhuus, Director, Health, Housing & Community Services

Subject: Revenue Contract: The Center at Sierra Health Foundation for \$100,000 for Information Technology Equipment, Telehealth Licenses, and Personal Protective Equipment

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to apply for funding provided by The California Department of Health Care Services through the Behavioral Health Telehealth Request for Applications and accept the funding and execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments to purchase Information Technology equipment, Telehealth licenses, and Personal Protective Equipment up to \$100,000 total in fiscal year 2021 and fiscal year 2022.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The City of Berkeley will receive funds up to the amount of \$100,000 from The Center at Sierra Health Foundation for the purchase of Information Technology (IT) equipment, telehealth licenses, and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The funds for this contract will be deposited and expensed from the One-Time Grant: No Capital Expenditures Fund and will be appropriated in a future amendment to the Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Health, Housing & Community Services Department applied for these grant funds and has received notification that it has been awarded \$100,000 in funding. The funding is restricted for use in providing IT equipment, Telehealth Licenses, and PPE for mental health staff. The funding through this grant will allow the Department to offset expected costs for IT and PPE due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and will support staff in providing mental health services through telehealth. The grant will fund the purchase of laptops, monitors, Zoom Telehealth licenses, N95 masks and other PPE. These items are needed to safely provide services during the Covid-19 pandemic.

BACKGROUND

The Mental Health Division of the Health, Housing & Community Services Department identified this funding opportunity and applied for these funds with a short turn-around time. During the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Mental Health Division has shifted many

services to Telehealth through phone or Zoom. In order to comply with requirements around staff distancing, most Mental Health Division staff are working from home for several days per week, and are in need of laptops to access and enter client information and perform other essential business functions.

On September 25, 2020, The Center at Sierra Health Foundation awarded the City of Berkeley \$100,000 for the purchase of specific IT equipment and PPE to support the Mental Health Division is providing services through the Covid-19 Pandemic. The IT equipment will support the provision of tele-health services, and the PPE will support staff safety in providing services.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

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

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

These funds will support the Health, Housing and Community Services Department in providing services for individuals with Medi-Cal or no insurance who have mental health needs in Berkeley. The funding provided in this agreement will offset expected costs during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

No alternatives were considered.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

REVENUE CONTRACT: THE CENTER AT SIERRA HEALTH FOUNDATION FOR
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, TELEHEALTH LICENSES, AND
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, The Department of Health Care Services issued a Behavioral Health Telehealth Request for Applications administered by The Center at Sierra Health Foundation; and

WHEREAS, The Mental Health Division of the Health, Housing and Community Services Department will incur costs for Internet Technology Equipment and Personal Protective Equipment to provide needed services during the Covid-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, applying for and accepting funding provided through the Behavioral Health Telehealth Request for Applications will assist the Mental Health Division acquire the information technology equipment, telehealth licenses and personal protective equipment; and

WHEREAS, The Center at Sierra Health Foundation has awarded the City of Berkeley \$100,000 for the purchase of Internet Technology Equipment and Personal Protective Equipment after receiving an application for this funding.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Council approves the following: The City Manager or her designee is hereby authorized to, submit an application for funding from The Center at Sierra Health Foundation, accept the funding and execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments to purchase Internet Technology equipment and Personal Protective Equipment in the projected amount of \$100,000 total in fiscal year 2021 and fiscal year 2022. The funds for this contract will be deposited and expensed from the One-Time Grant: No Capital Expenditures Fund and will be appropriated in a future amendment to the Annual Appropriations Ordinance. A signature copy of said documents, agreements and any amendments shall be on file in the office of the City Clerk.

