



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
July 27, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager  
Submitted by: Lisa Warhuus, Director, Health, Housing and Community Services  
Subject: Contract: East Bay Sanctuary Covenant – Trauma Support Services for Latinx/Latinas/Latinos

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to execute and amend a contract with the East Bay Sanctuary Covenant, funded through State of California Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) monies, for Trauma Support Services for Latinx/Latinas/Latinos, for an initial contract not to exceed \$100,000 through June 30, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funds for the Scope of Work in the amount of \$100,000 will be provided from the State of California Mental Health Services Act. The funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2022 budget.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

On January 19, 2021 City Council approved that the Mental Health Division issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) funded trauma support services for the Latinx/Latina/Latino population. In March 2021, per Bid Specification 21-11433-C, an RFP was released. Following proposal review and rating from a panel of reviewers including a community member, the East Bay Sanctuary Covenant was selected as the vendor to implement these services.

BACKGROUND

The State of California provides MHSA funding for local mental health services and supports. One of the annually recurring MHSA funding components is Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI). MHSA PEI funds are to be utilized on strategies to recognize the early signs of mental illness; to improve early access to services and programs, including the reduction of stigma and discrimination; and for strategies to prevent mental illness from becoming severe and disabling.

In order to utilize MHSA funds, stakeholder-informed Three Year Plans and Annual Updates that outline how funds will be utilized are required to be developed and locally

approved. Since the very first PEI plan, a portion of MHSA PEI funds have been utilized to provide Trauma Support Services to unserved, underserved and inappropriately served populations through community partners. Latinx/Latinas/Latinos is one of the underserved populations that has received Trauma Support Services through these funds. MHSA PEI funds were previously allocated to the Albany Unified School District in the amount of \$64,092 to provide Trauma Support Services for Latino/Latina/Latinx children, youth, and adults, and for African American and Asian Pacific Islander children and youth. However, beginning in FY21, delivery of MHSA services in the City of Albany transitioned from City of Berkeley to Alameda County Behavioral Health Care.

On December 1, 2020 by Resolution No. 69,620-N.S., the Berkeley City Council approved the MHSA FY20/21 – 22/23 Three Year Program and Expenditure Plan, which continued the allocation of PEI funds for Trauma Support Services for the Latino/Latina/Latinx population. In response to public input received through MHSA Community Program Planning around the need for increased mental health supports for this population, the Three-Year Plan increased the annual funding to \$100,000 for these services.

An RFP process for Trauma Support Services for the Latino/Latina/Latinx population was included in the approved Three-Year Plan. On January 19, 2021, City Council approved that the Mental Health Division release an RFP and the RFP was released in March 2021 per Bid Specification 21-11433-C. Following proposal review and rating from a panel of reviewers, which included a community member, East Bay Sanctuary Covenant was selected as the vendor to implement these services.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

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

#### RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The execution of this contract will ensure that Trauma Support Services for the Latinx/Latina/Latino population can be provided in the community.

#### ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

In order for MHSA-funded mental health services and supports in the community to continue, no other alternative actions were considered.

#### CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:1: Resolution

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

CONTRACT: EAST BAY SANCTUARY COVENANT FOR TRAUMA SUPPORT SERVICES FOR LATINX/LATINAS/LATINOS

WHEREAS, the City's Department of Health, Housing and Community Services, Mental Health Division, currently receives Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) funds on an annual basis to improve early access to services and programs, including the reduction of stigma and discrimination, and for strategies to prevent mental illness from becoming severe and disabling; and

WHEREAS, in order to utilize MHSA funds, stakeholder informed Three Year Plans and Annual Updates that outline how funds will be utilized are required to be developed and locally approved; and

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Division works in partnership with community-based agencies in the provision of such services and supports; and

WHEREAS, since the initial MHSA PEI Plan, funds have been allocated for Trauma Support Services for the Latinx/Latina/Latino population; and

WHEREAS, these Trauma Support Services for Latinx/Latinas/Latinos have been implemented by the same community partner over a period of time; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2020 by Resolution No. 69,620-N.S., the City Council approved the MHSA FY20/21 – 22/23 Three Year Program and Expenditure Plan, which continued and increased the allocation of PEI funds for Trauma Support Services for the Latinx/Latina/Latino population; and

WHEREAS, per the City Council approved MHSA FY20/21 – 22/23 Three Year Program and Expenditure Plan a Request for Proposal (RFP) process was included to be executed for these Trauma Support Services for Latinx/Latinas/Latinos, which have been provided by the same community partner over a period of time; and

WHEREAS, in March 2021 per Bid Specification number 21-11433-C, an RFP was issued and East Bay Covenant Sanctuary submitted a proposal and was determined to be the chosen bidder; and

WHEREAS, funds for the Scope of Work in the amount of \$100,000 are available in the FY22 budget in the Mental Health Services Act Fund.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or her designee is hereby authorized to execute and amend a Contract with East Bay Sanctuary Covenant to provide Trauma Support Services for Latinx/Latinas/Latinos, for an amount not to exceed \$100,000 through June 30, 2022. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

