



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
November 30, 2021

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: Contract No. 32000094 Amendment: Youth Spirit Artworks Mental Health Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to amend contract No. 32000094 with vendor Youth Spirit Artworks (YSA) to provide a variety of mental health and case management supports for Transition Age Youth (TAY) through June 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$527,046. This will extend the existing contract by one year and add \$210,046 in funding.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funds for the scope of work in the amount of \$132,046 is available in the current year budget from ERMA GL Code 315-51-503-526-2017-000-451-636110-, which utilizes funding from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Community Services and Supports (CSS) initiative, and \$78,000 from ERMA GL Code 011-51-503-523-5002-000-451-636110-, funding derived from City of Berkeley Measure P.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

This contract amendment will cover three separate scopes of work:

1. TAY case management and linkage services, including counseling, case management, life skills training to program participants, and linkage to other need-based services available in the community. These services are being extended for an additional year. \$100,000 will be allocated toward these services.
2. Case management for Berkeley TAY at the Tiny Villages program, which provides housing for at-risk TAY in a communal setting that promotes group cohesion, learning to live independently, and developing life skills in a supportive environment. These services are also being extended for an additional year. \$78,000 will be allocated toward these services.
3. Trauma support services for TAY in Berkeley. YSA was selected in 2021 via a Request for Proposals (RFP) to address additional needs in the TAY population. \$32,046 will be allocated toward trauma support services for TAY.

BACKGROUND

Berkeley Mental Health has partnered with YSA to serve the TAY population, which includes youth between the ages of 16-24, with case management and linkage services for the past three years. The Tiny Villages program was added last year. YSA has proven an effective vendor for these services. Continuing this successful partnership will provide continuity to consumers and ensure the related objectives of stability and connection to services are realized for our community's TAY population. Adding in trauma support services will allow YSA to expand the services they offer, and further support this vulnerable population.

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

The scope of services under this contract are critically needed due to the current challenges faced by the local TAY population. YSA provided these services in a satisfactory manner for the last three years.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

As an alternative action, Council could instead direct staff to conduct a new RFP to competitively solicit a different vendor, or decide to not fund these services.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

CONTRACT NO. 32000094 AMENDMENT: YOUTH SPIRIT ARTWORKS

WHEREAS, Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds are allocated to mental health jurisdictions across the state for the purposes of transforming the mental health system into one that is consumer and family driven, culturally competent, wellness and recovery oriented, includes community collaboration, and implements integrated services; and

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2019 by Resolution No. 69,033-N.S., City Council authorized the City Manager to approve the MHSA Plan FY2019-2020 Annual Update; and

WHEREAS, within the City Council approved MHSA Plan FY2019-2020 Annual Update was an allocation of \$100,000 for contracted Transition Age Youth (TAY) Case Management and Linkage Services; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2019 by Resolution No. 69,194-N.S., City Council authorized the City Manager to approve amending Contract No. 32000094 through June 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2020 by Resolution No. 69,436-N.S., City Council authorized the City Manager to approve amending Contract No. 32000094 through June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$217,000; and

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2020 by Resolution No. 69,511-N.S., City Council authorized the City Manager to approve amending Contract No. 32000094 through June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$317,000; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the current year budget from the Mental Health Services Act (ERMA GL Code 315-51-503-526-2017-000-451-612990-) and Measure P (011-51-503-523-5002-000-451-636110-).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or her designee is authorized to execute a contract amendment with Youth Spirit Artworks for Transition Age Youth case management and linkage services and Tiny House case management adding \$210,046 for a total not to exceed amount of \$527,046, and extending the contract through June 30, 2022. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the City Clerk Department.