



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
January 31, 2023

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 No. 32000202 Amendment: Berkeley Food & Housing Project for Rental Subsidy for the Russell Street Residence

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32000202 with Berkeley Food & Housing Project (BFHP) to provide rental subsidies for the Russell Street Residence through June 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$3,400,640. This will extend the existing contract by one year and add \$576,616 in funding.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funds for the scope of work in the amount of \$576,616 will be provided from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Community Services & Supports funding category, Fund 315. Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2023 (FY 2023) budget.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Russell Street Residence (RSR) is a board and care facility that provides supportive housing for high need mental health clients. A daily subsidy is needed to cover the costs of operating the program. RSR provides up to 17 beds per night for some of the most vulnerable members of our community. The Department of Health, Housing, and Community Services' Mental Health Division (HHCS/MHD) has administered a contract with BFHP for housing and services at this site since December 2019, and recommends that services continue through this fiscal year.

BACKGROUND

The City initially contracted with BFHP to provide these services in December of 2019 and has extended and increased it three times since then. BFHP has done a satisfactory job administering this program, and these additional funds will help ensure that they can continue the program for another year.

Council previously approved funding for RSR activities in its adoption of the MHSA Three Year Program and Expenditure Plans (Three Year Plans) and Annual Updates on

July 27, 2021 via Resolution No. 69,999-N.S. Funding for these services and supports is included in the FY 2023 Budget.

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

Operating costs for RSR increased during Fiscal Year 2022. This amendment will allow HHCS/MHD to reimburse BFHP for costs incurred in FY2022, and to subsidize operating costs for FY2023. The amendment will add one year of funding to the contract, ensuring no break in services and allowing a vital community organization to continue their important work.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Staff did not identify an alternative action that would be consistent with the adopted MHSA Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plans.

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Attachments:
1: Resolution

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

CONTRACT NO. 32000202 AMENDMENT: BERKELEY FOOD & HOUSING PROJECT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

WHEREAS, City Council approved the MHSA Plan Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Update on July 23, 2019 by Resolution No. 69,033-N.S., which included funding for the programs to be included in the contract here; and

WHEREAS, City Council approved participation in the Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment allocation funding on September 13, 2018 by Resolution No. 68,592-N.S.; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2019 via Resolution No. 69,192-N.S., City Council approved a contract with Berkeley Food and Housing Project for Flexible Spending Programs and the Russell Street Residence; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2020 via Resolution No. 69,404-N.S., City Council approved amending Contract No. 32000202; and

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2020 via Resolution No. 69,492-N.S. City Council approved amending Contract No. 32000202; and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2022 via Resolution No. 70,180-N.S. City Council approved amending Contract No. 32000202; and

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

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Food and Housing Project has been a trusted partner in the implementation of a variety of programs in collaboration with the City; and

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of \$576,616 are available in FY2023 in ERMA GL Code 315 (Mental Health Services Act).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or her designee is authorized to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32000202 with the Berkeley Food and Housing Project for administrative services through June 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$3,400,640. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the City Clerk Department.

