



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
May 21, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: Margot Ernst, Interim Deputy Director, Health, Housing, and Community Services
Subject: Contract No: 32300104 Amendment: The Village of Love for Telegraph Neighborhood Sacred Rest Drop-In Center

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee, to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32300104 with The Village of Love to add \$250,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$750,000, for services and operations at the Telegraph Neighborhood Sacred Rest Drop-In Center, and extend the contract term through May 31, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

This amendment will be funded using the 2025 payment made by the University of California, Berkeley to the City pursuant to the 2021 UC Berkeley – City of Berkeley Settlement Agreement, as stipulated in the terms of the agreement (Fund 147-UC Settlement). Funds are budgeted in the FY 2025 budget and are subject to adoption of the FY 2025 budget and the FY 2025 Annual Appropriations Ordinance. Continuation of this project would be fully funded by the University and, therefore, budget neutral for the City of Berkeley.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Village of Love currently operates the Telegraph Neighborhood Sacred Rest Drop-In Center (Center), a daytime drop-in center for people experiencing homelessness. The Center began operating in June 2022 and has helped over 100 unhoused community members get connected to services and housing readiness resources in the community. The Center is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm and includes restrooms, basic services (respite, meals, and housing navigation). The existing contract is expected to end on May 31, 2024 unless the contract is amended to add funding. UC Berkeley has allocated \$250,000 to extend the contracted services through May 31, 2025. The Village of Love needs an additional \$250,000 to maintain current operations. The Center is supported by the University's Homeless Outreach Coordinator, as well as students and researchers from the Schools of Social Welfare and Public Health. It is an important component of the City and University's joint effort to

resolve homelessness in Berkeley, by tailoring services to each individual's needs and wants. The Village of Love holds the lease with First Presbyterian Church for access to and use of the site.

BACKGROUND

On July 27, 2021, the City and University executed the Joint Settlement Agreement which, among other things, committed the City to expend an amount determined through joint planning between the City and the University to "fund a day-time drop-in/service center in the Telegraph area for the unhoused population." On January 18, 2022, the leadership of the First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley unanimously approved providing access to a vacant lot on Haste Street owned by the Church for the drop-in center. On March 2, 2022, the University awarded a separate \$500,000 contract to The Village of Love to provide services and operations for the drop-in center for two years (\$250,000 annually) at this site through May 2024. The \$500,000 provided directly to The Village of Love from the UC, combined with the \$500,000 provided by the City from the UC/COB Settlement Agreement funded services and operations through May 2024.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental impacts associated with this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

There continues to be an unmet need for services to transition unhoused residents into indoor settings, as well as to serve the unhoused in the greater Telegraph District/Southside neighborhood. The agreement between the University and the City of Berkeley to allocate settlement agreement funds for a day-time drop-in/service center in the Telegraph area for the unhoused population targets helps to address the unmet need for services in the neighborhood. Continuation of this project would be fully funded by the University and, therefore, budget neutral for the City of Berkeley.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None. Since the University already identified a service provider, a leasing mechanism for the site, and is paying the full cost of the capital expenses associated with the development of the drop-in center—and since the City is required to jointly fund this effort pursuant to the Settlement Agreement—there is no competitive process to be had for this contract.

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

CONTRACT NO. 32300104 AMENDMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF LOVE

WHEREAS, People's Park was home to an encampment of unsheltered individuals who need an array of services to end their unsheltered status; and

WHEREAS, in July 2021, the City and University of California, Berkeley entered into the UC Berkeley – City of Berkeley Joint Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the first annual payment of the Settlement Agreement requires that an amount determined through joint planning between the City and the University be allocated to fund a day-time drop-in/service center in the Telegraph area for the unhoused population; and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2022, Leadership at the First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley voted unanimously to grant access to and use of a vacant lot on Haste Street owned by the Church to the University for purposes of establishing a daytime drop-in center; and

WHEREAS, the University awarded a \$500,000 grant on March 2, 2022 to The Village of Love to provide services and operations for the drop-in center at this site for two years through May 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley City Council allocated \$250,000 on April 26, 2022 for services and operations at the drop-in center for one year through May 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley City Council allocated \$250,000 on May 23, 2023 to continue services and operations at the drop-in center for one year through May 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the University awarded an additional \$250,000 grant to The Village of Love to continue services and operations through May 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of \$250,000 are needed to continue services and operations through May 31, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Berkeley City Council authorizes the City Manager or her designee to execute an amendment to add \$250,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$750,000 and extend the term through May 31, 2025.

A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the City Clerk Department.

