



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDER
May 21, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Jennifer Louis, Chief of Police

Subject: Contract No. 32300103 Amendment: Bay Area PL Services of On-call Phlebotomy and Sexual Assault Exams

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No. 32300103 and any necessary future amendments with Bay Area PL Services for the Berkeley Police Department, increasing the contract amount by \$150,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$200,000 with the contract end date extended to December 31, 2028.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the recommendation would support ongoing operational expense required for solving criminal cases in a timely matter. The funding for this contract is allocated from the State Citizens Option for Public Safety program 159 Fund (budget code 159-71-705-820-0000-000-421-612990) and does not impact the General Fund.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Berkeley Police Department (BPD) currently contracts with Bay Area PL Services to provide the services of an on-call phlebotomist licensed by the State of California as a clinical laboratory technologist for blood draws and suspect sexual assault exams. This service is essential in obtaining evidence in compliance with state law for criminal investigations. The ability for BPD to have an on-call service that can respond to almost any location throughout Alameda County in a timely manner greatly assists the Department in the successful prosecution of cases.

BPD has less than \$10,000 remaining of the \$50,000 contract. At the current rate of usage, the funding will be exhausted by August 2024. In order to maintain the ability to collect invaluable evidence the BPD is requesting this contract amendment of an additional \$150,000 and a contract total not to exceed \$200,000.

BACKGROUND

Prior to the contract with Bay Area PL Services the BPD contracted with VBS services for collection of biological evidence. The Department discontinued this contract because VBS was no longer capable of conducting suspect sexual assault exams. In 2022 BPD entered into a contract with Bay Area PL Services as a sole source provider. Currently there is no other organization in the Bay Area that can provide the services needed by the BPD.

This contract satisfies the requirement for BPD to obtain blood samples for testing and/or exam services on a subject and to properly collect, preserve and document the evidence as required by state law and the courts.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

All waste is properly disposed of to ensure compliance with biological hazardous waste requirements.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The cost associated with on-call phlebotomy and sexual assault exam services is an operational expense for which the Berkeley Police Department is currently responsible. In an effort to solve criminal cases as fast as practical and potentially limit further victimization, the BPD continues to utilize these services. An amendment to increase funds for this contract will allow the Department to continue to meet the on-call phlebotomy and suspect sexual assault examination requirements of its investigations.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Stop the use of this contract and not collect crucial evidence in criminal cases resulting in charges not being filed and cases being dropped.

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Attachment:

1. Resolution

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

CONTRACT NO. 32300103 AMENDMENT: BAY AREA PL SERVICES FOR ON-CALL PHLEBOTOMY AND SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAMS

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Police Department is responsible for emergency response and investigations involving criminal activity within the City of Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Police Department is required to obtain blood samples and suspect sexual assault exam services for investigation as required by state law and the courts; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Area PL Services maintains trained and state certified phlebotomists and technicians to provide these on-call services to the Berkeley Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Police Department has identified on-call phlebotomy and sexual assault exam services as an operational expense for which the Department is responsible and funds from the State Citizens Option for Public Safety program 159 Fund will be the primary source of funding.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to amend Contract No. 32300103 and any necessary future amendments with Bay Area PL Services for on-call phlebotomy and suspect sexual assault exam services to the Berkeley Police Department for an additional \$150,000 not to exceed \$200,000, and extend the contract until December 31, 2028, and subject to the City's annual budget appropriation process.

