



Office of the City Manager

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CONSENT CALENDAR
September 10, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: LaTanya Bellow, Interim City Manager
Submitted by: Scott Gilman, Director, Housing, and Community Services
Subject: Contract No. 32300112 Amendment: Harold Dichoso COVID-19 Outreach and Education

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to amend Contract No. 32300112 with Harold Dichoso, to extend the contract end date through June 30, 2025 and increase the not-to-exceed amount (NTE) by \$63,928 utilizing one-time grant funds. The amendment will increase the NTE amount from \$144,950 to \$208,878.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The amendment will add \$63,928 with a total not-to-exceed amount of \$208,878. The funding for this amendment is available in the FY2025 Adopted Budget in One-Time Fund (Fund 350).

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Amending Contract No. 32300112 will allow Harold Dichoso to continue to refine and implement culturally responsive curriculum that exposes Berkeley youth to job readiness skills and provides work-based learning experiences. Services will support COVID-19 youth ambassadors through the end of the state's COVID-19 Workforce Development (WFD) grant period. This amendment would allow one additional cohort of Berkeley High School and Berkeley Technology Academy student interns to support the programming for school Wellness Centers and the mental wellness of Berkeley students.

Under the current contract, Harold Dichoso has designed and facilitated over 36 two-hour professional development workshops for the 81 youth who enrolled in four cohorts of the Health Justice Internship (HJI) program and supported their experience with youth development programming and mentorship. Contract activities also include coordination between City of Berkeley staff and staff from Berkeley Unified School District, Berkeley City College, and community organizations.

This program will continue to aid in slowing the spread of COVID-19 and ensure all Berkeley residents have equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines, testing, treatment, and other infection control and healthcare measures.

BACKGROUND

In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the City of Berkeley received a COVID-19 Workforce Development grant from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). Local objectives of the grant included prioritizing health and safety in design for Berkeley Unified School District, private schools, and childcare facilities to maintain safe protocols and practices.

The City partnered with Harold Dichoso to ensure all Berkeley residents have equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines, testing, treatment, and other infection control and healthcare measures through the implementation of the Health Justice Internship (HJI) Program. The HJI program provides Berkeley youth the opportunity to participate in paid internships while serving as COVID-19 youth ambassadors.

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 funding identified is through the Workforce Development grant that was a one-time grant via COVID funding from the State. The funding from the remaining FY25 grant period will continue to aid in slowing the spread of COVID-19 throughout the Berkeley community and will ensure all Berkeley residents have equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines, testing, treatment, and other infection control and healthcare measures.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Staff did not identify other alternatives that are consistent with both the grant purpose, City priorities, and CDC's COVID-19 guidance.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1. Resolution

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

CONTRACT NO. 32300112 AMENDMENT: HAROLD DICHOSO FOR COVID-19
OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley issued a Request for Proposal No. 23-11542-C to obtain consulting services through a single contract with a community-based organization or individual related to the COVID-19 pandemic through the Health Justice Internship Program; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2022, the City of Berkeley executed Contract No. 32300112 with Harold Dichoso, which was authorized by the City Council (Resolution 70,594-N.S.), with a not to exceed amount of \$90,000; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2023 the City of Berkeley amended Contract No. 32300112 with Harold Dichoso, which was authorized by the City Council (Resolution 70,903-N.S.), increasing the not to exceed amount to \$125,000; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2024 the City of Berkeley amended contract number 32300112 with Harold Dichoso, which as authorized by the City Council (Resolution 70,903-N.S.), increasing the not to exceed amount to \$144,950; and

WHEREAS, additional funds from the Workforce Development (WFD) grant in the amount of \$63,928 are available to increase the contract amount which will allow Harold Dichoso to include additional youth participants, exposing them to culturally responsive curriculum, job readiness skills and providing work-based learning experiences while serving as COVID-19 youth ambassadors through the end of the COVID-19 Workforce Development (WFD) grant period.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or her designee is authorized to amend Contract No. 32300112 with Harold Dichoso to extend the contract end date through June 30, 2025 and increase the not-to-exceed amount (NTE) by \$63,928 to a total of \$208,878 utilizing one-time grant funds.

