

CITY OF BERKELEY

Prop 47 Brief



Berkeley CareBridge Overview & Next Steps

October 24, 2025

Prop 47 Briefing

1. Refresher of Prop 47

- **Grant Cap:** \$8 million (**no match grant**)
- **Grant Period:** October 1, 2025 – June 30, 2029

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Administering Agency

- Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC)
- **Grant Period:** October 1, 2025 – June 30, 2029

Funding Parameters

- **Grant Cap:** \$8 million
- **Use of Funds:** Programs serving justice-involved individuals with mental health, substance use, or housing needs.
 - Mental health services
 - Substance use disorder treatment
 - Diversion programs
 - Housing-related assistance
 - Community-based supportive services (e.g., job skills training, case management,)

Eligibility Requirements

- **Target population:** individuals with justice system contact in the **past 3 years** (can include arrests, charges, or diversion without conviction)
- Focus on individuals with **mental health, substance use, or housing needs**

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A visual illustration of the grant agreement period is provided in the table below:

Start-Up & Implementation*	Service Delivery	Service Delivery	Service Delivery	Evaluation & Close-Out
<i>3 Months</i>	<i>12 months</i>	<i>12 months</i>	<i>12 months</i>	<i>6 Months</i>
October 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025	January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026	January 1, 2027 - December 31, 2027	January 1, 2028 - December 31, 2028	January 1, 2029 – June 30, 2029
Start-up activities to include: subcontracting, procurement, hiring, set-up of financial and case management systems, etc.	Service delivery and data collection.	Service delivery and data collection.	Service delivery and data collection.	Compile and analyze data gathered from three full years of service delivery. Complete Local Evaluation Report. Complete program- specific compliance audit.

Important note: The grant service delivery period ends on December 31, 2028. From January 1, 2029 to June 30, 2029, only expenditures associated with completion of the Local Evaluation Report, completion of the required program-specific compliance audit, and other financial close-out activities may be incurred. Additional information about the invoicing process and reporting requirements will be provided later in this RFP.



Overview:

Berkeley CareBridge HUB—co-located with transitional motel units—to divert justice-involved individuals from incarceration into care.

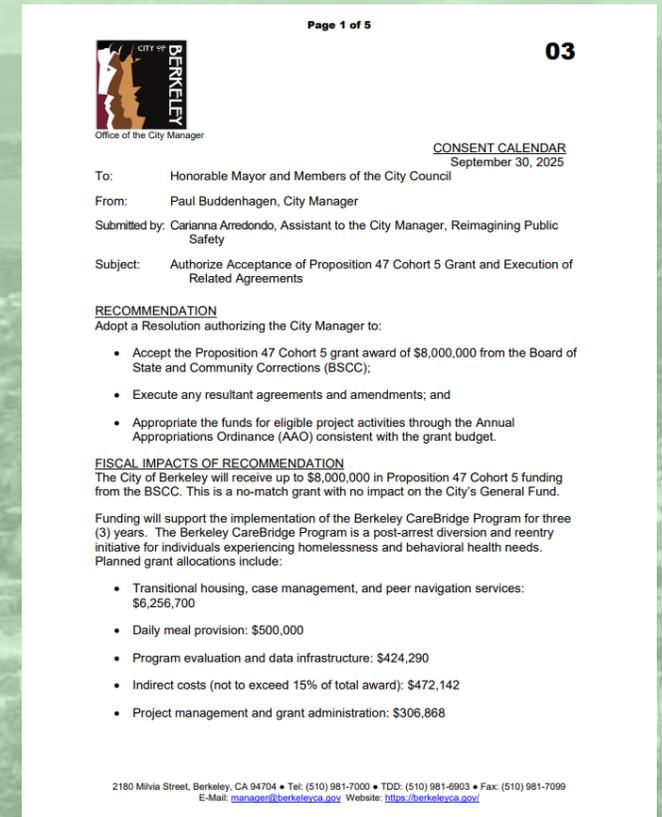
Primary Focus:

- **Post-arrest diversion** for individuals with MH/SUD needs and housing instability
- **Voluntary (6-month) care plans** with access to respite, housing, and behavioral health services
- Supplemental **pre-arrest referrals** coordinated with the [DA's CARES program](#)

Need:

- 57% of repeat arrestees in 2024 were unhoused
- High rates of MH/SUD among HRT clients
- CareBridge closes a gap between jail release and service access

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Who Does What?

- **Options Recovery Services (CBO Partner):**
 - Operates the HUB facility 24/7
 - Staffs case managers, peer specialists, transport
 - Tracks data, service delivery, and outcomes
- **CMO / RPS:**
 - Oversees program, grant compliance, LAC coordination
 - Supports evaluation and data collection
 - Executes sole-source contracts (with Options)
- **Berkeley Police Department (BPD):**
 - Refers eligible individuals (post- and pre-arrest)
 - Coordinates transport and shares de-identified data
- **Homeless Response Team (HRT):**
 - Refers eligible individuals
 - Coordinates transport and shares de-identified data
- **Berkeley Mental Health (BMH):**
 - LAC Participation & City Partner
- **Alameda County CARES:**
 - Accepts referrals as needed, relevant

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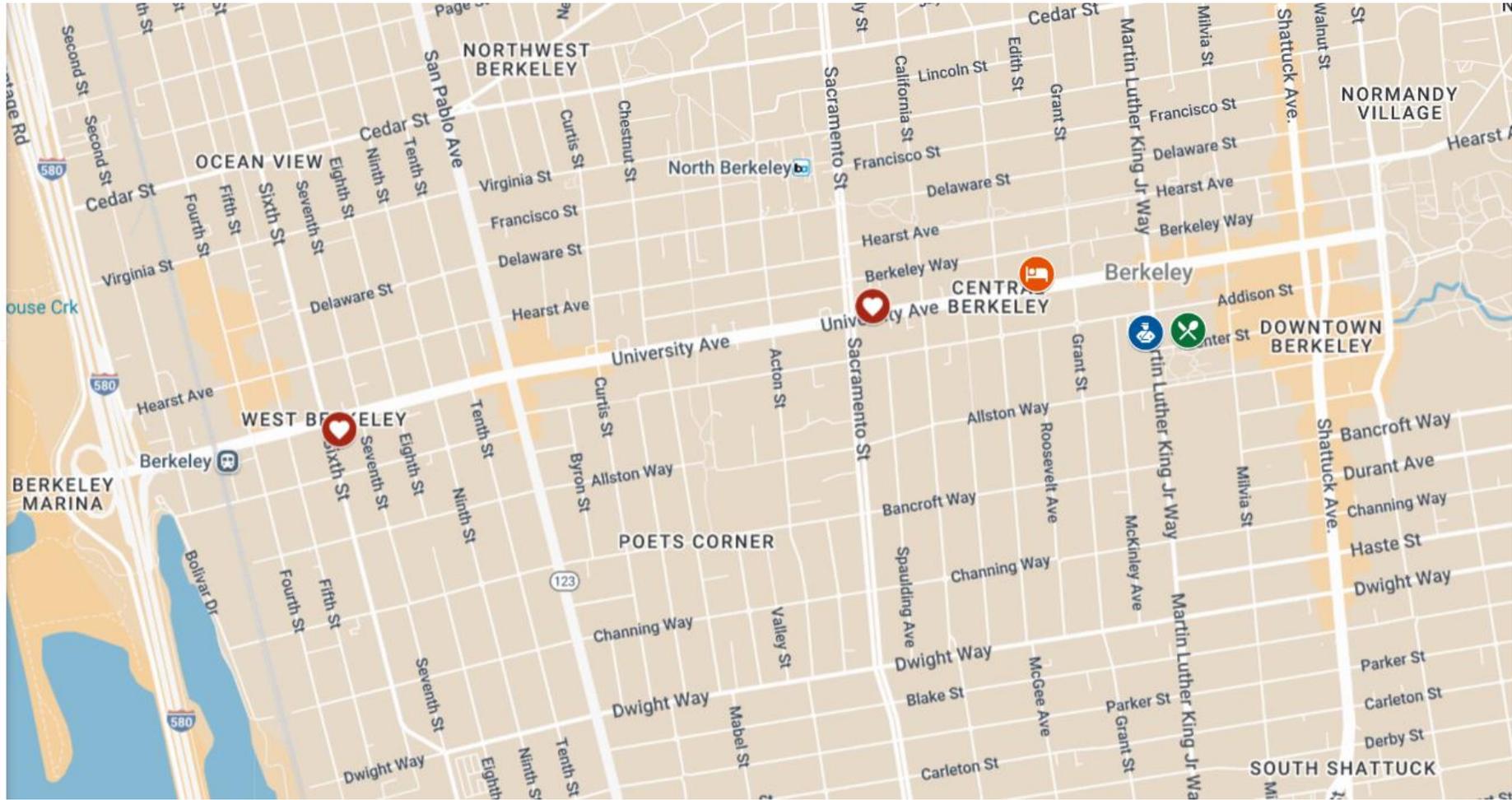
Category	Description	3-YR Cost
Master Lease of Motel Facility managed by Options Recovery Services	Lease of 30 non-congregate rooms for HUB and transitional housing; includes rent, utilities, insurance, maintenance, and furnishings. Signature Inn at 1761 University Ave	\$4,002,750.00
Staffing and Supplies managed by Options Recovery Services	Will support – Data system, Equipment, Client Support (hygiene, meals, etc.) & Staffing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Director 0.15FTE • Program Director 0.5 FTE • Program Coordinator 1.0 FTE • Data Specialist 0.5 FTE • Case Managers 2.0 FTE • Peer Specialists 2.0 FTE • Program Specialists 2.0 FTE 	\$3,256,092.00
Program Evaluation managed by Options Recovery Services, CMO, and third party evaluator	Framework, analyze recidivism, housing, engagement outcomes; submit reports – minimum of 5% or \$50,000, whichever is greater but no more than 10%.	\$434,289.50
City Oversight (CMO)	Overhead for contract management, grant compliance, Council communication, LAC coordination (5%)	\$306,868.50
TOTAL		\$8,000,000.00

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-  Berkeley Police Department
-  Signature Inn Berkeley
-  Dorothy Day House
-  City Of Berkeley Mental Health
-  Berkeley Free Clinic



Berkeley CareBridge Process Flow



Berkeley CareBridge Process Flow | Eligibility

Eligible – Non-Violent, Low-Level Offenses

Examples include:

- **Petty theft** (e.g., shoplifting, low-value property theft)
- **Trespassing** (being on private property without permission)
- **Low-level drug possession or paraphernalia** violations
- **Public intoxication** or **open container** offenses
- **Disturbance / noise violations**
- **Municipal code violations** (loitering, camping, or other quality-of-life issues)
- **Vandalism** under the felony threshold (non-threatening, non-domestic incidents)

These are typically offenses that:

- Do **not** involve violence, threats, or weapons
- Are suitable for **diversion into care and housing** rather than incarceration

Arrested at
Berkeley Jail for a
P47 offense

Arrested at Santa
Rita Jail for a P47
offense

Referral by HRT
(Arrest History
verified by BPD)

Berkeley CareBridge Process Flow | Eligibility

BPD identifies potential participant and verifies non-violent, low-level offense.

BPD contacts ORS to request an eligibility assessment for possible diversion.

ORS conducts the behavioral health (BH) and substance use disorder (SUD) screening to determine if the individual meets eligibility requirements.

✗ No BH/SUD needs: **Not eligible** → Refer to alternate program (DA CARES, etc.)

✓ BH/SUD needs confirmed: **Eligible** → **Candidate** chooses:
✓ **Participate** → Enrolled in CareBridge
✗ **Decline** → Offered other resources

The assessment evaluates:

- Presence of **behavioral health or substance use disorder** needs;
- The individual's **interest and capacity** to voluntarily engage in supportive housing and case management;
- Appropriateness for diversion given risk and service needs.

Berkeley CareBridge Process Flow | Intake

ORS transports eligible *candidate* to the CareBridge transitional housing site (hotel) to begin program intake.

Candidate reviews and signs program ground rules and consent forms and is assigned a room for the 6-mo program.

A **case manager** is assigned to serve as the participant's primary point of contact.

The **case manager** develops an **individualized 6-month Care Plan** tailored to participant needs, which may include:

- Behavioral Health (BH) and/or Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment
- Job-skills training and workforce development
- Supportive housing stabilization services
- Civil, legal, and benefits navigation

Plan includes clear milestones, accountability check-ins, and regular progress updates.

If ground rules broken → exits program → referred elsewhere (e.g., shelter, outpatient treatment, DA CARES, or other local programs).

If candidate disengages/drops out → is rearrested → may re-enter program

Berkeley CareBridge Process Flow | **Participation**

Engagement & Stabilization

- Develop a **personalized plan** and participate in **weekly case-management check-ins**
- Begin **BH/SUD treatment** through Berkeley Mental Health or partner providers
- Receive **daily meals** from Dorothy Day House
- Access **medical and wellness care** via the Berkeley Free Clinic and other community resources

● **Milestone:** Candidate achieves initial stability — consistent attendance, treatment engagement, and adherence to program rules.

Skill-Building & Recovery

- Continue **treatment plan**
- Participate in **life-skills and wellness workshops** (e.g., stress management, communication, goal setting)
- Enroll in **job-training, education, and benefits-navigation programs**
- Receive **civil/legal aid and financial-coaching** support

● **Milestone:** Candidate demonstrates steady progress toward employment, health stability, and personal independence.

Transition & Reintegration

- Collaborate with case manager to **review personalized exit and transition plan**
- Secure **supportive housing**
- Finalize **employment or educational placement**
- Complete **exit interview** and receive a CareBridge **certificate of completion**

● **Milestone:** Candidate successfully completes the six-month program — showing measurable stability in housing, health, and community engagement.

Berkeley CareBridge Process Flow | **Completion**

What Success Looks Like

For the CareBridge Candidate

-  **Justice Involvement:** No new arrests or convictions within 3 years
-  **Health & Recovery:** Ongoing BH/SUD treatment or peer-support participation
-  **Housing:** Participant maintains stable, safe housing (permanent or step-down)
-  **Employment / Education:** Sustained job, training, or educational enrollment
-  **Continued Connection:** Maintains ties with providers, peer networks, and community

What Success Looks Like

For the Berkeley Community

-  **Public Safety:** Reduction in repeat offenses and visible stabilization of justice-involved residents
-  **Health Equity:** Increased access to BH/SUD treatment, reducing crisis calls and ER utilization
-  **Housing Stability:** Fewer people cycling between jail, homelessness, and temporary shelter
-  **Economic Inclusion:** Increased job participation and readiness, contributing to Berkeley's local economy
-  **Community Trust:** Confidence that these programs can work — when candidates have structure, care, and accountability, they can mentor others to build a culture of contribution and responsibility

Phase I – Pre-Launch and Program Readiness (October – December 2025)

- ~**Late October – November 2025**
 - Standing **bi-weekly coordination meetings** established between ORS and the City Project Manager (Cari) to monitor progress, troubleshoot barriers, and track deliverables.
 - ORS will meet with BPD, HHCS, CMO and other partner departments to **refine operational protocols, referral processes, and data-sharing procedures.**
- ~**November – December 2025:**
 - **Publicly noticed Local Advisory Committee (LAC)** meeting to preview the CareBridge framework, outline referral process, and gather community input—ideally one week before publication of the 11/18/25 Council report.
 - ORS initiates **background clearances for staff** needing BPD jail access, and requests HMIS credentials to facilitate data entry and housing referrals.
 - Draft **Data-Sharing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** finalized between the City and ORS to govern confidential information exchange and reporting compliance.

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Phase 2 – Program Operations (January 2026 – December 2028)

- **~January 1, 2026:** Formal program launch and first participant intake following execution of the hotel master lease.
- **Ongoing:**
 - ORS maintains 24/7 on-site staffing and delivers six-month transitional housing and wraparound reentry services.
 - Monthly fiscal and program reports submitted to the City.
 - Quarterly LAC meetings provide performance updates, data dashboards, and feedback loops with community stakeholders.

Phase 3 – Evaluation and Closeout (January – June 2029)

- **January – May 2029:** Completion of all service data reconciliation and final fiscal reports.
- **By June 30, 2029:** Submission of the **Local Evaluation Report (LER)** to the City and BSCC, documenting program outcomes, recidivism trends, and sustainability recommendations.

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Prop 47 LAC Role & Responsibility

This advisory committee will, at a minimum, **advise** on:

- **What are the most pressing needs** in our community that this grant should address?
- **Which strategies, programs, or services** will most effectively meet those needs?
- **How is implementation unfolding**, and where do we see opportunities to strengthen coordination or outcomes?
- **As needs evolve, how should we pivot** to ensure ongoing alignment with community priorities and equity goals?

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Prop 47 LAC Membership Criteria

- **Community Insight:** Brings lived experience or deep understanding of behavioral health, substance use, justice-system involvement, or community impact
- **Civic & Economic Perspective:** Represents local business, workforce, or economic development sectors to help align reinvestment with community and economic vitality
- **Collaborative Spirit:** Works across City departments, CBOs, and residents with shared purpose, empathy, and respect
- **Equity Lens:** Champions racial and social equity in all program decisions and outcome
- **Subject Expertise:** Knowledge of public safety, behavioral health, housing, workforce, or education systems
- **Commitment:** Attends quarterly meetings, reviews materials, and contributes to thoughtful, solution-oriented dialogue

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