

CITY OF BERKELEY

Prop 47 Brief



Berkeley CareBridge Overview

January 7, 2026

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Berkeley CareBridge LAC AGENDA



Administering Agency

- Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC)
- **Grant Period:** October 1, 2025 – June 30, 2029 (Implementation January 1, 2026)

Funding Parameters

- **Grant Cap:** \$8 million (over three years)
- **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,)
- **Local Advisory Committee:** Oversight & Accountability

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 wrap around 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

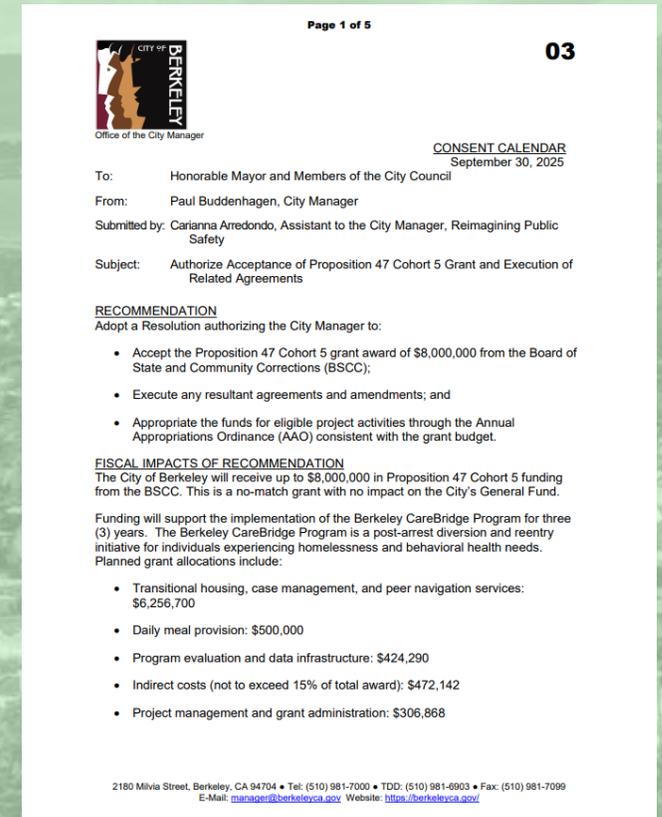
Need:

- 57% of repeat arrestees in 2024 were unhoused
- High rates of MH/SUD among HRT clients

Partners:

- Options Recovery Services, Berkeley Police Department, City Manager's Office, Health, Housing and Community Services.

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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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Budget

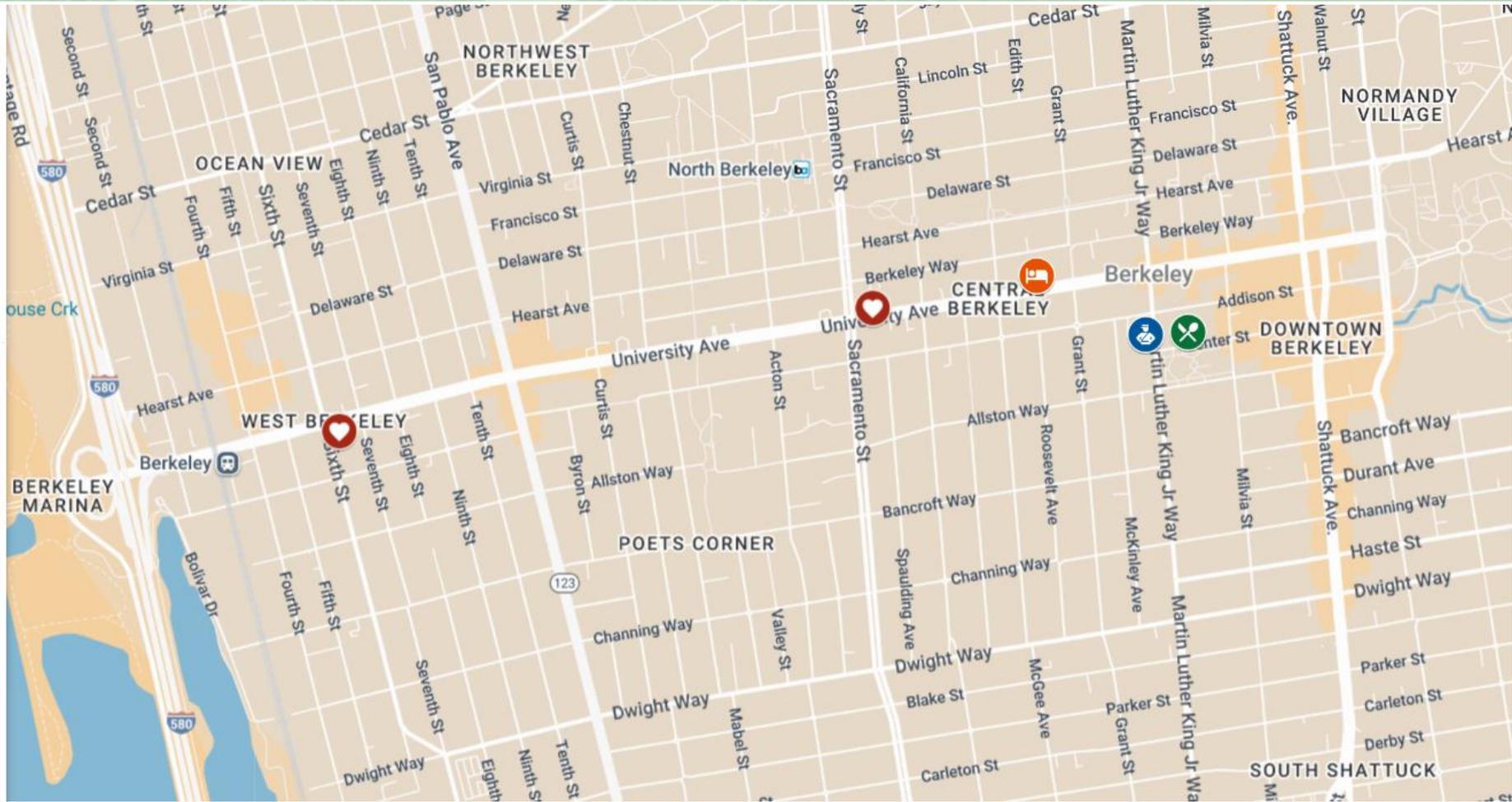
Category	Description	3-YR Cost
Master Lease of Motel Facility managed by Options Recovery Services	Lease of 30 non-congregate rooms for HUB and transitional housing; includes rent, utilities, insurance, maintenance, and furnishings. Signature Inn at 1761 University Ave	\$4,002,750.00
Staffing and Supplies 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

Berkeley CareBridge Data Tracking

Goal 1: Identify, Engage & Enroll Eligible Individuals

Process Measures

- arrested (Berkeley Jail / Santa Rita)
- identified as unhoused
- identified with MH/SUD needs
- contacting ORS
- enrolling in Berkeley CareBridge

Outcome Measures

- enrolled in CareBridge
- completing the 6-month program

Goal 2: Expand Transitional Housing Capacity

Process Measures

- arrested individuals identified as unhoused
- Unhoused population baseline (2025 HMIS)

Outcome Measures

- executed hotel lease for 40 transitional beds
- # housed through CareBridge
- change in unhoused population (2028 HMIS)

Goal 3: Continuum of Care to Support Reentry & Reduce Recidivism

Process Measure

- successfully completing the 6-month program

Outcome Measures

- exiting to supportive housing
- receiving SUD treatment
- receiving behavioral health treatment
- receiving legal services (reduced/dismissed charges)
- receiving job training or employment resources
- re-arrested during the grant period



Outreach Materials

