



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
February 22, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Lisa Warhuus, Director, Health, Housing & Community Services Department

Subject: Contract No. 32000240 Amendment: Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD) for Mental Health MHSA-Funded Programs

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32000240 with Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD) to provide Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funded programs in local schools through June 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$992,778. This amendment will add \$355,000 in funding to the contract.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funds for the scope of work in the amount of \$355,000 (\$95,000 for the Dynamic Mindfulness Program, \$110,000 for the Supportive Schools program, and \$150,000 for the African American Success Project) will be appropriated into MHSA fund budget code 315-51-503-526-2016-000-451-636110 and appropriated as part of the Second Amendment to the FY 2022 Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Fiscal Year 2021-2022 MHSA Plan Update includes funding to continue four BUSD projects for an additional year. Three of these projects -- the Dynamic Mindfulness Program, Supportive Schools program, and the African American Success Project -- are being implemented and will be funded this year. BUSD is not implementing the fourth project, the Mental Health Peer Education and Supports Project (MEET) this year due to pandemic-related operational changes, and therefore funding will not be included in the contract amendment. The attached resolution authorizes the required contract amendment.

The three programs are:

- Dynamic Mindfulness (DMind) is an evidence-based trauma-informed program that will be implemented in each BUSD middle school and high school. Validated by independent researchers as a transformative program for teaching children

and youth, skills for optimal stress resilience and healing from trauma, the DMind program integrates mindful action, breathing, and centering.

- The Supportive Schools program provides early intervention behavioral health services at BUSD elementary schools. Agency and district staff providers lead social skills groups, early intervention social and emotional support, playground social skills, “check in / check out,” individual counseling, and support for parents and guardians from diverse backgrounds.
- The African American Success Program works with African American youth and their families to actively engage students in the classroom and school life while creating a pathway for their long-term success. The project implements a three-pronged approach that includes case management and mentorship (which are individualized and tailored to meet each student’s needs), community building, and family engagement.

BACKGROUND

On November 12, 2019 via Resolution No. 69,168-N.S., City Council approved entering into a contract with BUSD that encompassed four separate programs, each of which are administered by BUSD: the Mental Health Peer Education and Supports Project (MEET), the Dynamic Mindfulness Program, the Supportive Schools Program, and the African American Success Project.

The State of California MHSAs provide funding for local mental health services and supports. City of Berkeley MHSAs Three Year Program and Expenditure Plans (Three Year Plans) and Annual Updates detail the uses of local MHSAs funds. Development of local MHSAs Three Year Plans and Annual Updates require community program planning, writing a draft plan, providing a 30-day public review, and conducting a public hearing at the Mental Health Commission.

The Mental Health Division has worked closely with BUSD for many years, successfully implementing a variety of programs to support the needs and enhance the well-being of the student body, and providing a solid foundation for positive youth development. Funding BUSD to provide programs has proven to be an effective model in the past, as it allows educators to tailor programs to meet the individual needs of students within the context of their school setting.

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

BUSD is a trusted partner in the implementation of programs to ensure students’ needs are met in the most effective manner possible. Each of the programs funded by this contract were developed as a result of feedback from stakeholders and went through a

lengthy community input process before being presented to City Council as part of the MHSA Plan Annual Update.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Staff did not identify an alternative action that would be consistent with the adopted MHSA Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plans.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

CONTRACT NO. 32000240 AMENDMENT: BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
(BUSD) FOR MENTAL HEALTH MHSA-FUNDED PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2019 via Resolution No. 69,168-N.S., City Council approved entering into a contract with BUSD to fund the Mental Health Peer Education and Supports Project, the Dynamic Mindfulness Program, the Supportive Schools Program, and the African American Success Project; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2021 via Resolution No. 69,836-N.S., City Council approved amending Contract No. 32000240; and

WHEREAS, community input and stakeholder feedback has determined a need for the programs being funded and the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 MHSA Plan Update includes funding to continue BUSD projects for an additional year; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD) has been a trusted partner in the implementation of a variety of programs in collaboration with the City; and

WHEREAS, funding for this contract has been included in the FY 2022 Budget and are available in ERMA GL Account 315-51-503-526-2016-000-451-636110, subject to approval of the Second Amendment to the FY 2022 Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or her designee is authorized to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32000240 with the Berkeley Unified School District for MHSA-funded programs through June 30, 2022 increasing the contract by \$355,000 for a new total not to exceed amount of \$992,778. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the City Clerk Department.