



Office of the Mayor

CONSENT CALENDAR
May 10, 2022

To: Members of the City Council

From: Mayor Jesse Arreguín, Councilmember Ben Bartlett,
Councilmember Sophie Hahn

Subject: Healthy Black Families: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to
General Fund and Grant of Such Fund

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of \$20,000 from the Mayor's Office Budget to Healthy Black Families (HBF) for the purposes of covering costs, from February – May 2022, associated with supporting the Ideation of financing for greater affordable housing at BART station developments. This time period coincides with the end (January 2022) and beginning (June 2022) of grants from the Partnership for the Bay's Future awarded to the City of Berkeley in partnership with HBF.

BACKGROUND

On November 30, 2021, City Council approved Resolution #70,117-N.S. for a grant from the San Francisco Foundation for Ideation Facilitation for funding affordable housing at the BART stations, North Berkeley and Ashby. The Mayor's Office, in partnership with Health Black Families (HBF), submitted the Breakthrough Grant application to Partnership for the Bay's Future and were successful in their efforts. The Breakthrough Grant will fund a fellow and also HBF for two (2) years in order to move forward the work of the Ideation Team. Funding for the Breakthrough Grant begins in June 2022.

HBF has been engaged as a participant in the Ideation Process and has also been engaging with the South Berkeley community in support of the Joint Vision Priorities document developed by the Community Advisory Group for the BART development projects, and also the local preference policy since February 1, 2022. This effort has required, and will continue to require, many hours of staff time without a source of payment.

Additionally, HBF has continued to move forward the work of the Local Preference Policy (also funded by a Breakthrough Grant for Protection and Preservation of Affordable Housing that began in February 2020 and ended January 2022) that was recommended in the Adeline Corridor Plan and is proposed to be incorporated into the Ashby BART project and EBB. A proposed Local Preference Policy was recommended by the HAC on April 7, 2022 and will be coming to the Council for future action. As the

policy will be coming to the Council, additional support is needed for community engagement on the draft proposal.

On March 16, 2022, HBF reached out to the Mayor's Office to inquire as to funding availability to support these efforts from February through May 2022. There is no other contract with HBF, incorporating a similar scope of work, that could be increased to reimburse HBF for the time that is being expended. The Mayor's Office budget has the resources to cover the HBF request due to the impact of COVID-19 on the timing of filling vacant staff positions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No General Fund impact; \$20,000 is available from Mayor Arreguín's Office Budget discretionary accounts.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no environmental impacts associated with the recommendations in this report.

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Attachments:

1. Resolution

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

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS FOR A GRANT TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SERVICES FOR A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC PURPOSE

WHEREAS, Mayor Jesse Arreguin has surplus funds in his office expenditure account; and

WHEREAS, a California non-profit tax exempt corporation, Healthy Black Families seeks funds in the amount of \$20,000 to provide the following public services: to provide support and participation in the Equitable Black Berkeley Ideation Process from February – May 2022; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such services would fulfill the following municipal public purpose: of paying personnel expenses associated with participation in ideating creative affordable housing financial support in a reparative framework for the BART development projects at North Berkeley and Ashby stations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that funds relinquished by the Mayor from his Council Office Budget of \$20,000 shall be granted to Healthy Black Families to fund personnel expenses for their participation in Equitable Black Berkeley Ideation.

