



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
May 25, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: Lisa Warhuus, Director of Health, Housing and Community Services
Subject: Revenue Grant Agreement: Funding Support from State of California Board of State and Community Corrections Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Funding

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to submit a grant application to The State of California Board of State and Community Corrections, to accept the grant, execute any resultant revenue agreement and amendment, and implement the projects and appropriation of funding for related expenses to address public health and safety related to the implementation of the Control, Regulate, and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act, to conduct public health promotion, protection, and prevention services for the State of California Board of State and Community Corrections revenue agreement in the projected amount of \$1,000,000 for May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The City of Berkeley will receive funds in the projected amount of \$333,333 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 through the funding source listed above. The contract will have its contract number and the source will have a defined budget code.

Board of State and Community Corrections: The May 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022 \$333,333 allocation will be deposited and expensed from the One-Time Grant: No Capital Expenditures Fund.). There are no matching funds required by the funder.

Spending of the referenced grant funds is subject to Council approval of the budget and the Annual Appropriations Ordinances. Depending on the timing of when grants are officially awarded and the amounts are determined, the grant budgets will be adjusted as part of the First Amendment to the FY 2022 Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

As a local health jurisdiction, City of Berkeley provides a broad range of public health programs and services to the community; with the goals of addressing health inequities, promoting healthy environments and behaviors, protecting residents from disease, and preventing illness, disability, and premature death. Grant funds will support youth

development activities to decrease the rates of substance use among youth under the age of 21 years old, and increase marijuana education and violence prevention activities.

The State of California Board of State and Community Corrections (SCBSCC) is the administrator of a portion of the Proposition 64 tax revenue that is generated from the cultivation and retail sale of cannabis or cannabis products. SCBSCC makes grants to local governments to address public health and safety associated with the implementation of the Control, Regulate, and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act. These funds are dispersed to local governments throughout the State through a competitive grant process.

BACKGROUND

The legalization of marijuana use for adults through Proposition 64 increased exposure and accessibility of the substance, and the impact on youth has been a growing public health concern. Based on the 2016 California Healthy Kids Survey results, approximately 35% of Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD) 11th graders, 17% of 9th graders, and less than 5% of 7th graders reported having smoked marijuana. The California Healthy Kids Survey also indicated that alcohol and marijuana are the most commonly used substances among BUSD students. The initiation of substance use early in life contributes to higher levels of use and abuse later in life. Early onset of use is also associated with a number of negative health, social, and behavioral outcomes, including physical and mental health problems, violent and aggressive behavior and adjustment problems in the workplace and family.

In 2018, the Berkeley Public Health Division conducted a Community Health Assessment to supplement the population health data in its 2018 Berkeley Health Status Report and to help inform program planning. This Community Health Assessment included 398 community health surveys, 20 focus groups with 179 community participants, and a total of 28 key informant interviews, as well as input from over 30 community partners in a community health focused round table event. All these community engagement activities were focused on gathering information from vulnerable population groups that have historically experienced health disparities. These included youth aged 10-24 years, the African American community, the Latinx community, persons experiencing homelessness, LGBTQIA, and low-income families. The findings of this process showed that youth defined a healthy community as one that was “connected,” “safe,” and “friendly.” However, they also identified the “economy,” “food security,” and “safety” as their top three barriers to achieving a healthy community. Strategies youth suggested that the City and partners could address included more drug abuse counseling for youth; in addition to affordable housing, free and accessible community programs, and affordable/ accessible mental health services. Mental health and substance abuse/ tobacco use were identified as the top health concerns for youth and the African American community.

The (SCBSCC) grant proposal was based on the above available health indicators as well as the results of the Public Health Division Community Health Assessment. This grant will allow The City of Berkeley to partner with a community based organization (CBO) to focus on youth development activities, particularly at risk youth, to decrease the rates of substance use among youth under the age of 21 years old. Activities funded will include recruiting and training up to 20 at-risk youth participants to become paid, peer educators in a cannabis education awareness campaign, providing wrap around services and case management for at-risk youth and their families and conducting a media campaign focused on youth and cannabis use.

In addition to the youth-focused activities around cannabis use, the grant will also allow the City of Berkeley to partner with a CBO to address violence prevention through development of a community partner taskforce. The initial activities for this taskforce will include conducting a needs assessment, identifying performance measures and data communication tools, and developing of strategies and a workplan. Years Two and Three will focus on implementation of the workplan, which can include but is not limited to client case management, crisis intervention and counseling, and group counseling services.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

These funds would support youth focused activities and community based partnerships through an equity lens to address the negative effects of increased access to and use of marijuana in Berkeley. These competitive grants support the Department's mission and provide the City with funding to continue working to protect and improve the health of the community.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The Public Health Division assesses each funding source to ensure that it supports the City's mission and goals. The alternative action of not seeking any of these funding sources would result in not providing these public health services to the community.

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Attachments:
1: Resolution

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

REVENUE GRANT: STATE OF CALIFORNIA BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY
CORRECTIONS PROPOSITION 64 PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY FUNDING

WHEREAS, THE City of Berkeley's Public Health Division desires to participate in the Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Grant program funded through the California State and Local Government Law Enforcement Account and administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections (Hereafter referred to as the BSCC)

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley recognizes that there are negative health and safety impacts due to the legalization of the cultivation and adult sale of marijuana, particularly among youth under the age of 21 years old.

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley Department of Health, Housing & Community Services seeks to eliminate health and educational inequities; and

WHEREAS, the projected amount of the grant is \$1,000,000 for May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2024;

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley should seek outside funding wherever possible to fund vital health services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or her designee is hereby authorized to submit a grant application to the BSCC for May 1, 2021 – April 30, 2024 to conduct individual and community health education and health promotion activities to address the health and safety impacts due to the legalization of cultivation and adult sales of marijuana; to accept the grant funds; execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments in line with the grant award, which may be larger or smaller than the projected award of \$1,000,000; and implement the projects and appropriation of funding for related expenses, subject to securing the grant. Funds will be deposited and expensed from the One-Time Grant: No Capital Expenditures Fund. A record signature copy of said agreements and any amendments shall be on file in the office of the City Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Berkeley agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of the Grant agreement as set forth by the BSCC