



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
December 14, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Lisa Warhuus, Director, Health, Housing and Community Services

Subject: Contract: Statewide Prevention and Early Intervention Project Participation Agreement - California Mental Health Services Authority

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to execute a Participation Agreement and any amendments with the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) to allocate Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds in the amount of \$65,956 to participate in the Statewide Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Project, for a total amount not to exceed \$65,956 through June 30, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding in the amount of \$65,956 from MHSA revenue received from the State of California is available in the FY2022 budget in the ERMA GL code: 315-51-503-526-2016-000-451-639120.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Statewide Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Project is an initiative that is administered by the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA), a Joint Powers Authority (JPA). California mental health jurisdictions can elect to participate in this initiative to benefit locally from these services by allocating a portion of local MHSA PEI funds on an annual basis to CalMHSA, which then contracts for a variety of mental health prevention and early intervention activities.

Since 2018, through the City's approved MHSA Three Year Plans or Annual Updates, the City has allocated 4% of PEI funds annually to CalMHSA for this initiative. Funded services have included the distribution of information and resources on suicide prevention, stigma and discrimination reduction, and student mental health, to be utilized locally. Most recently, the Mental Health Division staff received trainings on client "Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Expression" (SOGIE) through this initiative. This PEI funded project enables the Mental Health Division to broaden the reach of information and resources to a wider population across the City. MHSA PEI funds are integral in supporting individuals with a variety of mental health needs across the spectrum of care.

In FY2022, CalMHSA began requiring mental health jurisdictions to enter into a Participation Agreement to allocate funds and continue to receive services through the Statewide PEI Project. Staff recommend that Council approve executing the Statewide PEI Project Participation Agreement and transfer of funds to CalMHSA.

#### BACKGROUND

The California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) that was formed in 2009 to create a separate public entity to provide administrative and fiscal services in support of Members' Mental/Behavioral Health Departments acting alone or in collaboration with other Departments. CalMHSA is governed by a Board of Directors that is comprised of the participating county or city mental/behavioral health director and a designated alternate for when the director is absent. Contributing counties provide direction into the types of initiatives that are implemented.

Since 2018, the amount paid for this initiative on an annual basis has varied from year to year, between \$42,000 to \$66,000, depending on the amount of local PEI revenue. With Resolution No. 70,012-N.S., the City Council approved MHSA FY2022 Annual Update and allocated \$65,956 of local PEI funds in FY2022 for this initiative.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

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

#### RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Beginning in FY2022, the City of Berkeley is required to obtain City Council approval to enter into a Participation Agreement to receive services from the Statewide PEI Project and to allocate funds to CalMHSA for this initiative. PEI funds are an important resource that provides information, services, and supports to individuals with a variety of mental health needs across the system of care.

#### ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The City could opt to stop participating in CalMHSA's PEI Initiative. Staff do not recommend this course of action because of the high value of these services to the community.

#### CONTACT PERSON

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

STATEWIDE PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION PROJECT  
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT - CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA), that provides administrative and fiscal services in support of Members' Mental/Behavioral Health Departments acting alone or in collaboration with other Departments; and

WHEREAS, CalMHSA Is governed by a Board of Directors that is comprised of the participating County or City Mental/Behavioral Health Director and a designated alternate for when the director is absent and County or City participants provide direction into the types of initiatives that are implemented; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley is a participant in this JPA; and

WHEREAS, during the timeframe of 2011 through 2015, CalMHSA implemented the Statewide Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Project through MHSA funds that were allocated to be utilized at the State level for programming in the areas of Suicide Prevention, Stigma and Discrimination Reduction, and Student Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, following 2015 participating counties/cities were required to allocate at least four percent of their annual local MHSA PEI allocation each year to CalMHSA, to continue to receive services through this initiative; and

WHEREAS, since 2018, through City Council approved MHSA Three Year Plans and Annual Updates the City of Berkeley has allocated four percent of local MHSA PEI funds to participate in this initiative; and

WHEREAS, with Resolution No. 70,012-N.S., the City Council approved the City's MHSA FY2022 Annual Update, which allocates \$65,956 of local PEI funds for this initiative; and

WHEREAS, beginning in FY2022 in order to participate and allocate local PEI funds for this initiative, CalMHSA began requiring counties/cities to enter into a Participation Agreement (Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, in order to execute a Participation Agreement and allocate funds to CalMHSA for this initiative, City Council approval is required; and

WHEREAS, funding is available in the FY2022 budget in the MHSA fund budget code: 315-51-503-526-2016-000-451-639120.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or her designee is hereby authorized to execute a Statewide PEI Project Participation Agreement and any amendments with CalMHSA, and allocate funds in the amount of \$65,956 for a total amount not to exceed \$65,956, through June 30, 2022.