



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
October 11, 2022

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 No. 3220192 Amendment: Alameda County Network of Mental Health Clients

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No. 3220192 with Alameda County Network of Mental Health Clients, Berkeley Drop-In Center (BDIC) Community Crisis Response Services to add \$100,000 to hire one additional homeless outreach staff member, increasing the not-to-exceed amount to \$490,000, and extending the contract by one year to December 31, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

This added \$100,000 of General Fund to BDIC's Community Crisis Response Services contract will increase the not-to-exceed amount to \$490,000. Funds are available in budget code 011-51-504-535-0000-000-444-636110-, drawn from the approval of FY22 AAO #1 in November 2021.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Amending the BDIC Community Crisis Response Services contract is a Strategic Plan Priority Project, advancing our goal to champion and demonstrate social and racial equity. The \$100,000 from the budget referral in Annual Appropriations Ordinance (AAO) is to fund additional homeless outreach for Shattuck Avenue at Dwight Way to Adeline Street at 62nd Street, allowing the BDIC team to provide expanded outreach to underserved populations. As a part of BDIC's current contract for the Community Crisis Response Services, the Berkeley Drop-In Center has been providing outreach in a five-block radius of their drop-in location at 3234 Adeline Street as well as post-crisis counseling groups for individuals who have experienced a crisis. This additional outreach worker will be expected to participate in applicable coordination meetings with other homeless outreach providers in Berkeley, including the City of Berkeley's Homeless Response Team to coordinate around specific health and safety concerns that may arise.

BACKGROUND

As part of the Re-Imagining Public Safety process, the City has been engaged in planning for a Specialized Care Unit (SCU) that will ultimately become a 24/7 mobile

unit designed to respond to and support people who are experiencing a mental health or substance abuse crisis without direct involvement with the police. This in-depth design process for the SCU continued throughout FY22 and into FY23.

To address the urgent need for non-police crisis support, on June 29, 2021, Berkeley City Council allocated up to \$1,200,000 in the FY 2022 budget from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in support of community crisis response services to meet the immediate needs to strengthen supports on the ground for individuals on the verge of crisis. As a result of the competitive bidding process, the Alameda County Network of Mental Health Clients, Berkeley Drop-In Center was awarded \$390,000 of ARPA funds to provide these crisis and post-crisis support services. The City and BDIC entered into contract #3220192 on January 1, 2022 and BDIC has performed well under the contract to date.

Hiring an additional outreach worker will promote health and safety in South Berkeley by providing a focused and dedicated service to the homeless population in this neighborhood.

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

The Berkeley Drop-In Center is the most qualified organization to receive these funds because of their implementation of the Community Crisis Response Services, a contract which was awarded after a competitive RFP process was completed in FY22. Through these crisis response services, BDIC has established an infrastructure to provide outreach, crisis support services, and post-crisis care to members of the Berkeley community. Adding this outreach worker will increase their capacity and the ability to provide additional services to the homeless population in these crucial areas in South Berkeley.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

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

CONTRACT NO. 3220192 AMENDMENT: ALAMEDA COUNTY NETWORK OF
MENTAL HEALTH CLIENTS

WHEREAS, Contract No. 3220192 was awarded to the Alameda County Network of Mental Health Clients, Berkeley Drop-In Center (BDIC) to provide community crisis response services after a competitive solicitation process in FY22, and

WHEREAS, through Contract No. 3220192 BDIC is providing crisis and post-crisis support as well as outreach within a five-block radius of the Berkeley Drop-In Center location at 3234 Adeline Street; and

WHEREAS, \$100,000 was allocated in AAO#1 in FY22 to additional homeless outreach for the South Shattuck Avenue at Dwight Way to Adeline Street at 62nd Street and the immediately adjacent neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, BDIC is the most qualified organization to receive this funding given their existing infrastructure.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley to amend Contract No. 3220192 for Alameda County Network of Mental Health Clients to add \$100,000 to hire one additional homeless outreach staff member, increasing the not-to-exceed amount to \$490,000, to provide outreach and additional services at South Shattuck Avenue at Dwight Way to Adeline Street at 62nd Street and the immediately adjacent neighborhoods and extend the contract by one year to December 31, 2023.

