



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
November 3, 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 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, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$1,394,167. This amendment will add \$401,389 in funding to the contract in order to continue three mental health programs for an additional year and add a fourth for the same time period.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The funds required to implement this recommendation (a total of \$401,389, made up of \$46,389 for the Mental Health Peer Education program, \$95,000 for the Dynamic Mindfulness Program, \$110,000 for the Supportive Schools program, and \$150,000 for the African American Success Project) are available in MHSA fund budget code 336-51-503-523-2011-000-451-612990 and have been included in the Fiscal Year 2023 budget.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The MHSA provides funding for the Department of Health, Housing and Community Services' Mental Health Division (HHCS/MH) to work with BUSD to implement four important programs to benefit Berkeley students and their families. This council item is the mechanism for approval to transfer funds for these projects to BUSD.

Funding for the three continuing programs was already approved by Council on July 26, 2022 via Resolution No. 70,469-N.S. This attached resolution will add \$46,389 to fund the Mental Health Peer Education program. No other substantive changes have been made to the changes already approved under Resolution No. 70,469-N.S.

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.

HHCS/MH 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 programs to be administered directly by BUSD 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 MHSAs Plan Annual Update.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Staff did not identify an alternative action that would be consistent with the adopted MHSAs 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, on February 22, 2022 via Resolution No. 70,221-N.S., City Council approved amending Contract No. 32000240; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2022 via Resolution No. 70,469-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

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 Fiscal Year 2023 Budget and is available in ERMA GL Account 336-51-503-523-2011-000-451-612990.

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, 2023 increasing the contract by \$401,389 for a new total not to exceed amount of \$1,394,167. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the City Clerk Department.

