



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
December 5, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: Scott Ferris, Director, Parks Recreation & Waterfront
Subject: Grant Contract: Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the MLK Youth Services Center Seismic Upgrade Project

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to accept the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant for the Martin Luther King Jr (MLK) Youth Services Center Seismic Upgrade Project in the amount of \$750,000, execute any resulting grant agreements and any amendments; and that Council authorize the implementation of the projects and appropriation of funding for related expenses, subject to securing the grants.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The City has assembled \$8.2M in funding from the following sources to complete the MLK Youth Services Center Seismic Upgrade Project: a) \$7.0M from Measure T1, and b) \$1.2M from a FEMA Hazard Mitigation grant. The \$750,000 from HUD is in addition to the \$8.2M in existing funding and will help the City cover the current project funding gap that was caused by increased inflation costs for materials and supplies. The City has also submitted a separate application to the California Community Resilience Center (CRC) state grant program (on September 18, 2023) in the amount of \$3.6M to install new HVAC, electrical, and other energy-efficient building upgrades for the Center to serve as a community resilience center during times of extreme heat and other climate-related events. The CRC grant award decisions will be announced in the Spring of 2024. If the City receives the CRC grant, the total project budget will be \$12.55M.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

In the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328) (the FY2023 Act), Congress made funding available (\$2,982,285,641) for “grants for the Economic Development Initiative (EDI) for the purposes, and in amounts, specified for Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending”. These “Community Project Funding” or “CPF” awards are administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD has assigned Grant Number B-23-CP-CA-0152 for the MLK Youth Services Center Seismic Upgrade project in the amount of \$750,000. The City will use these funds to cover increased construction costs due to inflation. This is a cost-reimbursement grant with a performance period of December 22, 2022 through

December 31, 2031. The grant contract must be signed by the City in order for grant funds to be accessed for the project.

BACKGROUND

In 2013, the City commissioned a Facilities Condition Assessment (FCA) of the MLK Youth Services Center that found numerous examples of outdated building systems that do not meet current standards for building codes and earthquakes. The Center has been in dire need of renovation to meet current building codes and also to meet emerging community needs that include job training in new technologies, after-school programs with computer technology, needs for community trainings in safety and emergency preparedness, and climate-changed related events such as extreme heat or storm events. Through a comprehensive community process that involved over 48 neighborhood meetings, the MLK Center was selected to receive \$7.0 million from the City's Measure T1 infrastructure bond in 2020 for a seismic retrofit and partial renovation per City Council Resolution No. 69,657-N.S. (12-15-2020). In 2022, the City received a FEMA Hazard Mitigation grant of \$1.2 million to renovate more building elements as part of the seismic renovation project. Also, at that time, the City designated the MLK Center as one of the City's seven care and shelter facilities. Over the past three years, the City has conducted a planning phase to identify community needs that the MLK Center can help address that involved a variety of stakeholders comprised of local neighborhood groups, focus groups, meetings with teen groups at the Center, as well as discussions at the City's Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

All parks improvement construction projects are required to comply with the City of Berkeley Climate Action Plan, specifically in terms of reducing construction waste, as well as environmentally preferred purchasing guidelines to reduce waste and increase the use of renewable resources. This project helps the City meet Strategic Goal 1 – infrastructure.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The allocation of this HUD grant will allow the City to cover the gap in funding caused by recent inflation in order to complete the MLK Youth Services Center Seismic Upgrade Project.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None

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Attachments

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. -N.S

GRANT CONTRACT: HUD AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,000 FOR THE MLK YOUTH SERVICES CENTER SEISMIC UPGRADE PROJECT

WHEREAS, in 2013, the City commissioned a Facilities Condition Assessment (FCA) of the MLK Youth Services Center that found numerous examples of outdated building systems that do not meet current standards for building codes and earthquakes. The Center has been in dire need of renovation to meet current building codes and also to meet emerging community needs that include job training in new technologies, after-school programs with computer technology, needs for community trainings in safety and emergency preparedness, and climate-changed related events such as extreme heat or storm events; and

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or her designee is authorized to accept the HUD grant for the MLK Youth Services Center Seismic Upgrade Project in the amount of \$750,000, execute any resulting grant agreements and any amendments; and that Council authorize the implementation of the projects and appropriation of funding for related expenses, subject to securing the grants. A record signature copy of said agreements and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

