



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
January 30, 2024

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: Expenditure Contract: Alameda County Public Health Department (Office of Dental Health) to Provide Dental Services to the Berkeley Unified School District

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to execute a contract and any amendments or extensions with Alameda County in an amount not to exceed \$159,000 to provide dental services in Berkeley Unified School District for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

General Fund (Fund 011) in the amount of \$53,000 is available in the City's adopted Fiscal Year 2024. General Funds in subsequent years (\$53,000 annually) will be proposed in the Fiscal Year 2025 and Fiscal Year 2026 budgets.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City has funded Alameda County to provide oral health services to Berkeley Unified School District students for the past 18 years in order to address racial health inequities. Through this contract, the City makes available dental screenings, free dental sealants, and preventive dental education for all BUSD third graders and, where necessary, referral and linkages to dental appointments and health insurance. City staff coordinate follow-up for those children at highest risk who are currently uninsured or unconnected to a dental health provider but in need of care.

BACKGROUND

Research increasingly shows that although tooth decay is largely preventable, it remains the most common chronic disease of children aged six to 11 years. Nationally, children of racial and ethnic minority groups have twice as much untreated decay in their permanent teeth, but only receive about half as many dental sealants, as non-minority children

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

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

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

This contract supports vital services related to our mandates as a public health jurisdiction and local initiatives designed to address health inequities in Berkeley and improve the health of Berkeley residents, assure that children in Berkeley Public Elementary Schools have access to oral health preventive resources.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Staff did not identify an alternative action consistent with the City's goals of advancing public health and social and racial equity.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

EXPENDITURE CONTRACT: ALAMEDA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF DENTAL HEALTH FOR ORAL HEALTH SERVICES TO BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, dental decay is one of the most prevalent and untreated diseases of children and it remains the most common chronic disease of children aged 6 to 11 years (25%) and children of racial and ethnic minority groups have twice as much untreated decay in their permanent teeth; and

WHEREAS, the number of elementary aged children receiving sealants and fluoride treatments in Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD) elementary schools has been steadily increasing since the COB School-Based Oral Health program began; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has authorized a sole source contract with the Alameda County Public Health Department since 2000 due to the Department's existing relations for providing dental health services, outreach and education to schools within BUSD as well as their working knowledge of program and state requirements for the provision of these services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley Department of Health, Housing & Community Services (HHCS) works to promote healthy environments and behaviors, protect residents from disease, and prevent illness, disability, and premature death, and eliminate health inequities; and

WHEREAS, General Funds (Fund 011) is available in the current year budget.

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 sole source contract with Alameda County, and any amendments or extensions thereto, in an amount not to exceed \$159,000, to provide dental services in Berkeley Unified School District for the period of June 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027. A record signature copy of said contract shall be on file in the office of the City Clerk.

