



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

January 25, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

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

Subject: Revenue Contract: The Center at Sierra Health Foundation for \$90,999.50 for Information Technology Equipment, Telehealth Licenses, and Personal Protective Equipment

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to apply for funding provided by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) through the Behavioral Health Telehealth Request for Applications and accept the funding and execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments to purchase information technology equipment, telehealth software licenses, and personal protective equipment up to \$90,999.50 in FY 2022 and FY 2023.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The City of Berkeley will receive funds up to the amount of \$90,999.50 from the Center at Sierra Health Foundation for the purchase of information technology (IT) equipment, telehealth software licenses, and personal protective equipment for the provision of mental health services. The funds for this contract will be deposited and expensed from the One-Time Grant: No Capital Fund, ERMA revenue GL Code 336-51-503-520-0000-000-000-432390- (FUND\$ Code 421-4401-331-40-93and will be appropriated in a future amendment to the Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Health, Housing and Community Services Department (HHCS) applied for the grant funds and received notification that it had been awarded \$90,999.50 in funding. The funding is restricted for use in providing IT equipment and telehealth software licenses for mental health staff. The grant funding will allow HHCS to offset costs for IT due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and will support staff in providing mental health services remotely. The grant will fund the purchase of laptops, monitors, sound cancelling headsets, and Zoom Telehealth licenses. The Telehealth grant is a Strategic Plan Priority Project, advancing our goal to champion and demonstrate social and racial equity.

BACKGROUND

During the COVID-19 Pandemic, HHCS' Mental Health Division (MH) has shifted many services to telehealth through phone or Zoom for everyone's protection. MH identified this opportunity for related funding and applied. On November 30, 2021, the Center at Sierra Health Foundation awarded the City \$90,999.50 for certain costs associated with providing telehealth services.

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

These funds will support the City's ability to provide services for individuals with Medi-Cal or no insurance who have mental health service needs in Berkeley. Providing safe and equitable access to essential health services is a key purpose of HHCS. The funding provided in this agreement will offset expected costs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

No alternatives consistent with the City's goal of providing equitable mental health services were identified.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

REVENUE CONTRACT: THE CENTER AT SIERRA HEALTH FOUNDATION FOR
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, TELEHEALTH LICENSES, AND
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Department of Health Care Services issued a Behavioral Health Telehealth Request for Applications administered by The Center at Sierra Health Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Division of the Health, Housing and Community Services Department will incur costs for Internet Technology Equipment to provide needed services during the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, applying for and accepting funding provided through the Behavioral Health Telehealth Request for Applications will assist the Mental Health Division acquire information technology equipment, telehealth licenses, and personal protective equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Center at Sierra Health Foundation has awarded the City of Berkeley \$90,999.50 for the purchase of Internet Technology Equipment and Personal Protective Equipment after receiving an application for this funding.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Council approves the following: The City Manager or her designee is hereby authorized to submit an application for funding from the Center at Sierra Health Foundation, accept the funding, and execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments to purchase internet technology equipment, telehealth software licenses and personal protective equipment in the projected amount of \$90,999.50 total in Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023. The funds for this contract will be deposited and expensed from the One-Time Grant: No Capital Fund (ERMA revenue GL Code 336-51-503-520-0000-000-000-432390- (FUND\$ Code 421-4401-331-40-93), and will be appropriated in a future amendment to the Annual Appropriations Ordinance. A signature copy of said documents, agreements and any amendments shall be on file in the office of the City Clerk.

