



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
March 9, 2021

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: Revenue Contract: East Bay Community Energy FY 2021- Kitchen Electrification for Aging Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to execute a contract and any resultant revenue agreements and amendments with East Bay Community Energy to provide funding for upgraded, energy-efficient kitchen appliances at both the North Berkeley and South Berkeley senior centers, in the amount of \$48,994, through the East Bay Community Energy's Kitchen Electrification Grant.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The City of Berkeley will receive a one-time grant totaling \$48,994 from East Bay Community Energy for FY 2021 for the purpose of accelerating clean energy investments that enhance workforce development, promote stronger local economic activity, and increase community resilience. The contract does not require matching funds. The grant budgets will be adjusted to match the contract amounts and these changes will be included in the Second Amendment to the FY 2021 Annual Appropriations Ordinance. Grant funds will be deposited into ERMA GL Code 336-51-505-540-3011-000-000-433120-.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

In September 2020, East Bay Community Energy issued a request for proposals for funds to improve community kitchens. The City of Berkeley applied and received notification of a grant award to purchase new electric induction cook tops, new induction cookware, and new dry well induction warmers and induction warming pans to replace the old steam tables.

The City of Berkeley will benefit from the natural gas cost savings by converting the current natural gas appliances to electric appliances, which is in line with the City's goal to provide state-of-the-art, well-maintained infrastructure, amenities, and facilities. Funds from this grant will also cover most of the cost of materials and labor for Public Works to add new electric circuits and breakers for the new equipment. The balance of

the costs will be covered by Aging Services General Fund Rentals revenue budget ((011-51-505-540-0000-000-000-461210-).

BACKGROUND

The City of Berkeley receives funding from city, county, and state sources as well as private donations to serve senior residents of Berkeley, and to coordinate the Tri-City Nutrition Program. The Department of Health, Housing and Community Services is committed to providing a broad range of community services, including services to meet the needs of seniors in the community. The Aging Services Division provides nutritious meals, outreach, activities, social events, classes, and individual support and referral services to seniors and their families in the community.

Kitchens at the senior centers are available for the community to use as part of the senior center facility rental program.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Electric appliances are environmentally-friendly and will support the City's investment in clean energy. The grant also aligns with the City of Berkeley's strategic plan goal to be a global leader in addressing climate change. Collective small steps towards increased energy efficiency support a protected environment.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

These grant funds will support the City's senior centers and meals programs, and provide critical infrastructure to ensure the Aging Services Division can continue to provide meal services at the North and South Berkeley Senior Centers, and Senior Nutrition Programs.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The alternative action of not seeking any of these funding sources would be maintaining less energy efficient older kitchen appliances, which may lead to a reduction in services available to seniors.

CONTACT PERSON

Tanya Bustamante, Manager of Aging Services, HHCS, 981-5178.

Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

REVENUE CONTRACT: EAST BAY COMMUNITY ENERGY FY 2021 KITCHEN
ELECTRIFICATION FOR AGING SERVICES

WHEREAS, East Bay Community Energy, the City of Berkeley power provider, has granted the City of Berkeley \$48,994 under their Commercial Kitchen Electrification grant program; and

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2019, Berkeley City Council adopted a Prohibition of Natural Gas Infrastructure in New Buildings (BMC Chapter 12.80); and

WHEREAS, the North and South Berkeley Senior Centers each have natural gas ranges which have standing pilot lights that run continuously; and

WHEREAS, the indoor air quality of North and South Berkeley Senior Centers is impacted by these gas pilot lights, as well as the continuous costs to operate these gas pilot lights; and

WHEREAS, both the North and South Berkeley Senior Center would benefit by the natural gas cost savings by converting these appliances to electric appliances; and

WHEREAS, this grant will include indoor air quality monitoring of the Senior Centers both before and after installation of any new equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Kitchen Electrification Grant from East Bay Community Energy will cover the cost of the new electric induction cook tops, new induction cookware, and new dry well induction warmers and induction warming pans to replace the old steam tables; and

WHEREAS, this grant will also cover most of the cost of materials and labor for Public Works to add new electric circuits and breakers for the new equipment; and

WHEREAS, the instructions for proper use will be included as part of every facility rental contract; and

WHEREAS, the funds will be deposited in the current budget year in ERMA GL Code 336-51-505-540-3011-000-000-433120-.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or her designee is hereby authorized to submit a contract agreement to East Bay Community Energy for up to \$50,000 in funding for fiscal year 2021 for the replacement of natural gas appliances, and to accept the Kitchen Electrification Grant and to execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments. A record signature

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copy of said agreements and any amendments shall be on file in the office of the City Clerk.