



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
March 30, 2021

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: Contract No. 120650-1 Amendment: Covenant House California – YEAH!
 Program

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment for Contract No. 120650-1 with Covenant House California – YEAH! Program that is funded through State of California Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Community Services and Supports (CSS) monies, increasing the contract amount by \$30,714, for a contract amount not to exceed \$878,142, and extending the contract through June 30, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding from MHSA revenue received from the State of California is available in the FY 2021 budget in the following budget code: Community Services and Supports program \$30,714 in 315-51-503-526-2017-000-451-636110.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The State of California provides MHSA funding for local mental health services and supports. One of the annually recurring MHSA funding components is Community Services and Supports. This funding primarily provides treatment services and supports for Severely Mentally Ill Adults and Seriously Emotionally Disturbed Children and Youth.

In order to utilize MHSA funds, stakeholder informed Three Year Plans and Annual Updates that outline how funds will be utilized are required to be developed and locally approved. The current City Council approved Three Year Plan includes MHSA CSS funding to continue mental health services and supports for Transition Age Youth (TAY) who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. These services are currently provided through Covenant House. Per previous City Council approval, funds were added and the Covenant House contract was extended to March 31, 2021.

To ensure fair City Contracting practices, the Three Year Plan also includes a Request For Proposal (RFP) process to be executed for these mental health services for TAY that have been provided by Covenant House for a period of time. The execution of the RFP process has taken longer than originally anticipated, as additional time was taken to ensure that diverse community input will be included in the RFP. The additional funding and extension of the current contract to June 30, 2021, will enable the time to

execute the RFP and contracting processes, while providing continued service coverage for individual participants.

BACKGROUND

Since the passage of Proposition 63 in 2004, the Health, Housing & Community Services, Mental Health Division, has received annual MHSA funding. This funding is utilized to expand and transform the mental health service delivery system and to better meet the needs of underserved and inappropriately served communities. MHSA funding has provided new opportunities for the Mental Health Division to further develop and expand its system of care, adding new programs, and utilizing non-profit providers in the planning and delivery of comprehensive mental health services. The contract this report seeks to extend advances this goal and provides improved coordination between the City and its partner system of care agencies. The City Council has previously amended this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

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

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The additional funding and extension of the current contract to June 30, 2021 will ensure continued services coverage for program participants, while the RFP and contracting processes are executed.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

In order for MHSA funded mental health services and supports in the community to continue, no other alternative actions were considered.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution – Contract No. 120650-1 Amendment: Covenant House California – YEAH! Program

RESOLUTION NO. -N.S.

CONTRACT NO. 120650-1 AMENDMENT: COVENANT HOUSE CALIFORNIA-YEAH! PROGRAM FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR TRANSITION AGE YOUTH

WHEREAS, the City's Department of Health, Housing & Community Services, Mental Health Division, currently receives Mental Health Services Act Community Services and Supports funds on an annual basis to provide mental health services and supports to seriously emotionally disturbed children, and severely mentally ill transition age youth, adults, and older adults; and

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Division works in partnership with community-based agencies and school districts in the provision of such services and supports; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to issued requests for proposals (Specification No. 07-10176-C) for the provision of mental health services and supports to severely mentally ill transition aged youth who are homeless and not currently receiving services, Youth Engagement Advocacy Housing, submitted a proposal and was determined to be the best responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2007 by Resolution No. 63,717-N.S., the City Council authorized Contract No. 7338 with Youth Engagement Advocacy Housing, with the Lutheran Church of the Cross acting as fiscal agent, for the provision of mental health services and supports for transition age youth in an amount not to exceed \$102,917 for the period June 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 with the option to renew annually with eligible Consumer Price Index adjustments for up to two additional years through June 30, 2010 contingent upon satisfactory contract performance and the availability of external funding; and

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2008 by Resolution No. 63,717-N.S., Contract No. 7339 with Youth Engagement Assistance Housing was amended to increase the amount by \$101,768 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$204,685, and to extend the term to June 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2009 by Resolution No. 63, 717-N.S., Contract No. 7338 with Youth Engagement Advocacy Housing was amended to increase the amount by \$101,768 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$306,453, and to extend the term to June 30,2010; and

WHEREAS, Contract No. 7338 expired June 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2010, by Resolution No. 64,978-N.S., the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute Contract 8439 with Youth Engagement Advocacy Housing, to continue the provision of support services for transition age youth with serious mental health issues who are homeless and not currently receiving services in an amount not to exceed \$101,768 for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2011 by Resolution No. 65,344-N.S., the City Council authorized the City manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 8439 with Youth Engagement Advocacy Housing, to increase the amount by \$101,768 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$203,536, and to extend the term to June 30, 2012; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2012 by Resolution No. 65-765-N.S., the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 8439 with Youth Engagement Advocacy Housing, to increase the amount by \$101,768 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$305,304, and to extend the term to June 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2013 by Resolution No. 66,108-N.S., the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 8439 with Youth Engagement Advocacy Housing, to increase the amount by \$25,442 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$330,746 and to extend the term to September 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, in May 2013, the City re-issued a request for proposals for the provision of mental health services and supports for severely mentally ill transition age youth, in order to allow other providers an opportunity to compete for these funds and to ensure that the dollars are allocated to the services most likely to benefit the target population; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Request for Proposals (Specification No. 13-10759-C) for the provision of mental health services and supports to severely mentally ill transition age youth, Youth Engagement Advocacy Housing was the only bidder that submitted a proposal and was determined to have the capabilities and expertise to provide the services; and

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2013 by Resolution No. 66,258-N.S., the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 8439 with Youth Engagement Advocacy Housing, to increase the amount by \$76,326 and to extend the term to June 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, before the contract amendment was executed Contract No. 8439 expired and a new contract with Youth Engagement Advocacy Housing was created and given Contract No. 9553 for a not to exceed amount of \$76,326 to provide mental health services and supports for transition age youth through June 30,2014; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2014 by Resolution No. 66,671-N.S., the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 9553 with Youth Engagement Advocacy Housing, to increase the amount by \$101,768 and to extend the term to June 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2015 by Resolution No. 67,116-N.S., the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 9553A with Youth Engagement Advocacy Housing, to increase the amount by \$101,768 and to extend the term to June 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2016 by Resolution No. 67,562-N.S., the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 9553B with Youth Engagement Advocacy Housing, to increase the amount by \$106,856 and to extend the term to June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2017 by Resolution No. 68,107-N.S., the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 9553C with Covenant House California-YEAH! Program, to increase the amount by \$122,856 for a contract amount not to exceed \$509,574 and to extend the term to June 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2018 by Resolution No. 68,647-N.S., the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 9553D with Covenant House California-YEAH! Program, to increase the amount by \$122,856 for a contract amount not to exceed \$632,430 and to extend the term to June 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2019 by Resolution No. 69,041-N.S., the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an amendment to ERMA Contract No. 120650-1 (9553E) with Covenant House California-YEAH! Program, to increase the amount by \$122,856 for a contract amount not to exceed \$755,286 and to extend the term to June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2020 by Resolution No. 69,467-N.S., the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an amendment to ERMA Contract No. 120650-1 with Covenant House California –YEAH! Program, to increase the amount by \$92,142 for a contract amount not to exceed \$847,428 and to extend the term to March 31,2021; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure fair City Contracting practices, an RFP process will be executed for these services; and

WHEREAS, the additional funding and extension of the current contracts to June 30, 2021, will enable the time to execute the RFP and contracting processes and will provide service coverage for individual participants, in the event there is a change in contractors following the RFP process.

WHEREAS, funds are available in the FY21 budget in the Mental Health Services Act Fund, budget code 315-51-503-526-2017-000-451-636110.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an amendment to Contract No. 120650-1 with Covenant House California-YEAH! Program to provide mental health services and supports to severely mentally ill transition age youth who are homeless and not currently receiving services, to increase the amount by \$30,714 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$878,142, and to extend the term to June 30, 2021. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

