



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
April 11, 2023

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: Contract No. 31900273 Amendment: Bay Area Community Services North County Housing Resource Center

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution amending Contract No. 31900273 with Bay Area Community Services (BACS) North County Housing Resource Center (HRC) by increasing the not to exceed amount (NTE) by \$80,000 utilizing one-time grant funds. The amendment will increase the NTE amount from \$11,410,274 to \$11,490,274.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The amendment will add \$80,000 with a total not-to-exceed amount \$11,490,274. The funding for this amendment is available in the FY2023 Adopted Budget in One-Time Fund (Fund 336).

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Isolation and Quarantine program operated by Alameda County demobilized on February 28, 2023. Amending the contract with BACS' North County HRC will allow BACS to utilize the flex fund to reimburse Berkeley shelters and homeless services providers for short-term hotel stays for any unhoused members or shelter residents who test positive for COVID-19 and are not able to isolate on site. This practice will aid in slowing the spread of COVID-19 in congregate living settings.

BACKGROUND

In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Alameda County mobilized an Isolation and Quarantine (I/Q) program providing short-term hotels stays for members of the unhoused community who test positive for COVID-19, this program demobilized on February 28, 2023.

Since March of 2020, Berkeley programs have referred 292 people to the I/Q Program. These programs include congregate and non-congregate shelters, transitional and interim housing, street outreach, substance use and Berkeley Mental Health. In calendar year 2022, the County's I/Q program enrolled 35 positive cases and 26 exposure cases from existing Berkeley non-congregate shelters and Transitional

Housing Program. During 2022 69% of the referrals for positive cases were from shelters that do not have existing on-site isolation spaces for residents who test positive for COVID-19.

Based on the number of positive cases since July 2020, the planned increase in the census at Berkeley shelters, and existing options for isolation at shelters, we estimate the cost of providing short-term hotel stays, transportation, and food for shelter residents who test positive for COVID-19 to be \$80,000.

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

The additional funding identified will aid in slowing the spread of COVID-19 in congregate living settings by providing the opportunity for shelter residents or unhoused community members who test positive for COVID-19 to safely isolate.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Staff did not identify other alternatives that are consistent with both the project goals and CDC's COVID-19 guidance.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachment:

1. Resolution

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

CONTRACT NO. 31900273 AMENDMENT: BAY AREA COMMUNITY SERVICES
NORTH COUNTY HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2019, Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with Bay Area Community Services (BACS) (Contract #31900273) to operate the North County Housing Resource Center (HRC).

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2020, Council authorized the City Manager to amend Contract #31900273 with BACS' North County HRC adding \$555,220 and a not to exceed amount of \$7,491,720.

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2021, Council authorized the City Manager to amend Contract #31900273 with BACS' North County HRC adding \$2,268,554 and a not to exceed amount of \$9,760,274.

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2022, Council authorized the City Manager to amend Contract #31900273 with BACS' North County HRC adding \$2,600,000 and a not to exceed amount of \$11,490,274.

WHEREAS, \$80,000.00 was allocated to increase the contract amount which will allow BACS to utilize the flex fund to reimburse Berkeley shelters for short-term hotel stays, three meals per day, and transportation to and from the hotel for residents who test positive for COVID-19 and are not able to isolate on site.

WHEREAS, BACS North County HRC has an established flex fund request process that will be used to reimburse shelters for these COVID-19 related expenses.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to amend contract No. 31900273 with BACS' North County HRC adding \$80,000 from One-Time Fund 336 for a total not to exceed amount of \$11,490,274.

