



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
May 23, 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: 32300104 Amendment: Village of Love to Operate the Telegraph Neighborhood Sacred Rest Drop-In Center

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or her designee to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32300104 with Village of Love to add \$250,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$500,000 for services and operations at the Telegraph Neighborhood Sacred Rest Drop-In Center, and extend the contract term through May 31, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

This amendment will be funded using the 2023 payment made by the University of California, Berkeley to the City pursuant to the 2021 UC Berkeley – City of Berkeley Settlement Agreement, as stipulated in the terms of the agreement (Fund 147-UC Settlement). The original contract amount of \$250,000, approved by Council on April 26, 2022 for services provided through May 31, 2023, will be appropriated as part of the Second Amendment to the FY 2023 Annual Appropriations Ordinance. The remaining \$250,000 in funds for the second year of the contract will be included in the FY 2024 Mid-Biennial Budget Update and the FY 2024 Annual Appropriations Ordinance that will be adopted by the City Council on June 27, 2023.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Village of Love currently operates the Telegraph Neighborhood Sacred Rest Drop-In Center (Center), a daytime drop-in center for people experiencing homelessness. The Center began operating in June 2022 and has helped over 100 unhoused community members get connected to services and housing readiness resources in the community. The Center is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm and includes restrooms, basic services and housing navigation services. The existing contract is expected to end on May 31, 2023 unless funds are added to extend services. The Center is supported by the University's Homeless Outreach Coordinator as well as students and researchers from the Schools of Social Welfare and Public Health, and is an important component of the City and University's joint effort to resolve the encampment at People's Park by tailoring services to each individual's unique needs and wants. The Village of Love holds the lease with First Presbyterian Church for

access to and use of the site.

BACKGROUND

On July 27, 2021, the City and University executed the Joint Settlement Agreement which, among other things, committed the City to expend from the first annual payment “An amount determined through joint planning between the City and the University will be allocated to fund a day-time drop-in/service center in the Telegraph area for the unhoused population.” On January 18, 2022, the leadership of the First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley unanimously approved providing access to a vacant lot on Haste Street owned by the Church for the purposes of the drop-in center. On March 2, 2022, the University awarded a separate \$500,000 contract to the Village of Love to provide services and operations for the drop-in center for two years (\$250,000 annually) at this site through May 2024. The \$500,000 in funding provided directly to Village of Love from the UC, combined with the \$500,000 of funding provided by the City from the UC/COB Settlement Agreement will allow continuous operation of the Center through May 2024.

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

There continues to be an unmet need for services to transition unhoused residents out of People’s Park and into indoor settings, as well as to serve the unhoused in the greater Telegraph District/Southside neighborhood and the agreement between the University and the City of Berkeley to allocate settlement agreement funds for a day-time drop-in/service center in the Telegraph area for the unhoused population targets.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None. Since the University already identified a service provider, a leasing mechanism for the site, and is paying the full cost of the capital expenses associated with the development of the drop-in center—and since the City is required to jointly fund this effort pursuant to the Settlement Agreement—there is no competitive process to be had for this contract.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1: Resolution

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

CONTRACT NO: 32300104 AMENDMENT: VILLAGE OF LOVE TO OPERATE THE
TELEGRAPH NEIGHBORHOOD SACRED REST DROP-IN CENTER

WHEREAS, People's Park is currently home to an encampment of unsheltered individuals who need an array of services to end their unsheltered status; and

WHEREAS, in July 2021, the City and University of California, Berkeley entered into the UC Berkeley – City of Berkeley Joint Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the first annual payment of the Settlement Agreement requires that an amount determined through joint planning between the City and the University be allocated to fund a day-time drop-in/service center in the Telegraph area for the unhoused population; and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2022, Leadership at the First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley voted unanimously to grant access to and use of a vacant lot on Haste Street owned by the Church to the University for purposes of establishing a daytime drop-in center; and

WHEREAS, the University awarded a \$500,000 grant on March 2, 2022 to the Village of Love to provide services and operations for the drop-in center at this site for two years through May 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley City Council allocated \$250,000 on April 26, 2022 for services and operations at the drop-in center for one year through May, 31, 2023 and Village of Love needs ongoing support to continue operations at the drop-in center through May 31, 2024;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Berkeley City Council authorizes the City Manager or her designee to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32300104 with Village of Love to add \$250,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$500,000 and extend the term through May 31, 2024.

