



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
July 25, 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. 32300138 Amendment: Prevention and Early Intervention
Statewide Project - California Mental Health Services Authority

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32300138 with the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) to execute a Participation Agreement for Fiscal Year 2024 for the Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Statewide Project and allocate Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds in the amount of \$93,027, for a total amount not to exceed \$163,934 through June 30, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding in the amount of \$93,027 for this PEI Statewide Project, is available in the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget in the Mental Health Services Act Fund (Fund #315).

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Through the City's approved MHSA Three Year Plans and Annual Updates, 4% of PEI funds have been allocated annually to participate in the PEI Statewide Project. This initiative is administered by the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA), a Joint Powers Authority (JPA). California mental health jurisdictions can elect to participate in this initiative to benefit locally from these services by allocating a portion of local MHSA PEI funds on an annual basis to CalMHSA; which then contracts for a variety of mental health prevention and early intervention activities to CalMHSA for this initiative.

Since 2018, the City has participated in this initiative. Funded services have included the distribution of information and resources on suicide prevention, stigma and discrimination reduction, and student mental health, to be utilized locally. Mental Health Division staff have also received trainings on client "Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Expression" (SOGIE) through this project. Most recently, the Mental Health Division has distributed materials in the community on the "Take Action for Mental Health" campaign, a new initiative of this project. Additionally, personal hygiene kits are

part of the resources that were recently provided, which will be distributed to individuals who are experiencing homelessness. This project enables the Mental Health Division to broaden the reach of information and resources to a wider population across the City. MHSA PEI funds are integral in supporting individuals with a variety of mental health needs across the spectrum of care.

In order to continue to receive information and resources from this initiative the Mental Health Division must amend Contract #32300138 to execute a Participation Agreement and allocate funds to CalMHSA for Fiscal Year 2024.

BACKGROUND

The California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) that was formed in 2009 to create a separate public entity to provide administrative and fiscal services in support of Members' Mental/Behavioral Health Departments acting alone or in collaboration with other Departments. CalMHSA is governed by a Board of Directors that is comprised of the participating county or city mental/behavioral health director and a designated alternate for when the director is absent. Contributing counties provide direction into the types of initiatives that are implemented. The amount paid for the PEI Statewide Project on an annual basis varies each year, depending on the amount of local PEI revenue. With projected increases to MHSA, the amount of PEI funds allocated for this initiative in 2024 will be higher than previous years.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

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

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The City of Berkeley is required to obtain City Council approval to execute a Participation Agreement with CalMHSA to allocate funds and participate in this initiative. PEI funds are an important resource that provides information, services, and supports to individuals with a variety of mental health needs across the system of care.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The City could opt to stop participating in CalMHSA's PEI Initiative. Staff do not recommend this course of action because of the high value of these services to the community.

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Statewide PEI Project Fiscal Year 2024 Participation Agreement
California Mental Health Services Authority

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Attachment:
1: Resolution

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

CONTRACT NO. 32300138 AMENDMENT STATEWIDE PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION PROJECT - CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA), that provides administrative and fiscal services in support of Members' Mental/Behavioral Health Departments acting alone or in collaboration with other Departments; and

WHEREAS, CalMHSA Is governed by a Board of Directors that is comprised of the participating County or City Mental/Behavioral Health Director and a designated alternate for when the director is absent and County or City participants provide direction into the types of initiatives that are implemented; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley is a participant in this JPA; and

WHEREAS, during the timeframe of 2011 through 2015, CalMHSA implemented the Statewide Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Project through MHSA funds that were allocated to be utilized at the State level for programming in the areas of Suicide Prevention, Stigma and Discrimination Reduction, and Student Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, following 2015 participating counties/cities were required to allocate at least four percent of their annual local MHSA PEI allocation each year to CalMHSA, to continue to receive services through this initiative; and

WHEREAS, since 2018, through City Council approved MHSA Three Year Plans and Annual Updates the City of Berkeley has allocated four percent of local MHSA PEI funds to participate in this initiative; and

WHEREAS, in order to participate and allocate local PEI funds for this initiative, CalMHSA began requiring counties/cities to enter into an annual Participation Agreement; and

WHEREAS, per Resolution No. 70,461-N.S., the City Council approved the City's MHSA FY2023 Annual Update, which allocated \$70,907 of local PEI funds for this initiative; and

WHEREAS, per Resolution No. 70,640-N.S., the City Council approved the execution of a Participation Agreement and any amendments with CalMHSA for the PEI Statewide Project initiative; and

WHEREAS, per the MHSA Fiscal Years 2024-2026 Three Year Program and Expenditure Plan that is on the July 25, 2023 Council Agenda for approval, \$93,027 of local PEI funds are allocated for this initiative; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue to participate in this initiative, Contract No. 32300138 must be amended to execute a Participation Agreement for Fiscal Year 2024 and allocate funds to CalMHSA; and

WHEREAS, funding in the amount of \$93,027 for this PEI Statewide Project, is available in the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget in the Mental Health Services Act Fund (Fund #315).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or her designee is hereby authorized to amend Contract No. 32300138 with CalMHSA to execute a Participation Agreement for Fiscal Year 2024 for the PEI Statewide Project and any amendments, and allocate funds in the amount of \$93,027 for this initiative for a total amount not to exceed \$163,934, through June 30, 2024.

