



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

June 10, 2014

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From:  Christine Daniel, City Manager

Submitted by: Jane Micallef, Director, Health, Housing & Community Services

Subject: Contract: Bay Area Community Resources for the Placement of AmeriCorps Interns

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an expenditure contract and any amendments or extensions with Bay Area Community Resources for the placement of AmeriCorps interns in an amount not to exceed \$84,000 for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding sources for this contract include a mix of State and local funding in budget codes 010-4547-440.35-10 (\$56,000), 010-4575-440-3510 (\$14,000), 055-4596-440-3510 (\$7,000), and 959-4581-440-3510 (\$7,000). Funding for this contract is in the FY 2015 Proposed Budget Update and is subject to Council adoption of the FY 2015 Proposed Budget Update and the FY 2015 Annual Appropriations Ordinance. The contract has been entered into the City's Contract Management System and assigned CMS No. D7A88.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

With this contract Bay Area Community Resources (BACR) will provide up to six AmeriCorps members who will work in the Public Health Division at the BSHHC, B-Tech, TPP and the Ann Chandler Public Health Center to provide health education services related to family planning and tobacco use prevention and other youth health issues, and lead youth development/peer education programs. Additionally, they will conduct community outreach, enter data into the electronic health record and conduct case management, volunteer coordination and support group services. Members will work at the Berkeley High School Health Center, Berkeley Technology Academy Health Center, 1947 Center Street and the Ann Chandler Public Health Center.

BACKGROUND

Berkeley Public Health Division has a longstanding partnership with BACR and the AmeriCorps program to provide professional development opportunities to youth in the field of Public Health. AmeriCorps members provide essential near-peer services to Berkeley teens.

### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The AmeriCorps member of the Tobacco Prevention Program will assist staff with reducing tobacco waste in Berkeley. Tobacco waste makes up 34 percent of the total litter collected in California and is a significant contributor to storm drain trash. California public agencies spend in excess of \$41 million annually on litter clean up. Tobacco litter is toxic and a threat to our aquatic ecosystem.

The AmeriCorps members will be working with high school students to prevent unplanned pregnancies, promote healthy relationships and prevent sexually transmitted diseases. These outcomes will result in fewer births, a healthier population and a community more able to sustain environmental health.

### RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

At the Berkeley High School and Berkeley Technology Health Centers, the AmeriCorps members provide much needed health education services to high school students. Without the AmeriCorps program at the two school-based clinics, the Public Health Division would not have the capacity to provide individual education or classroom prevention services to the numbers of students the program currently serves, including education regarding healthy relationships, positive decision making and communication, pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease prevention and testing, and counseling regarding birth control methods. Moreover, the Health Centers would no longer be able to implement the youth development peer education program or support groups that provide young people with the opportunity to develop important life skills, and provide near-peer learning opportunities for students at both campuses.

With the Tobacco Prevention program, the AmeriCorps member will provide tobacco prevention education to middle school and high school students that Public Health would otherwise not be able to provide given limited staffing resources. This position will also play an integral part in starting up a new youth development peer education program to provide young people with the opportunity to develop important life skills

At the Ann Chandler Public Health Center, the AmeriCorps member will work closely with staff to coordinate the volunteer program, assist in entering data into the electronic health record, conduct community outreach and education, and help coordinate a volunteer education program to prepare them to conduct presentations on clinic services, family planning and sexually transmitted diseases.

### ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The City could not hire AmeriCorps members. This alternative was rejected because of the significant decrease in services Public Health could provide to Berkeley's youth.

### CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

CONTRACT: BAY AREA COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR THE PLACEMENT OF  
AMERICORPS INTERNS

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley Public Health Division has supported the Berkeley High School Health Center and Berkeley Technology Academy and their provision of comprehensive health care to students since its inception in 1991; and

WHEREAS, the intern programs at the Berkeley High School Health Center, the Public Health Clinic and the Tobacco Prevention Programs allow for the provision of critical health education services for its high risk student population; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the current year budgets in General Fund, State grants, and County Funds: Budget Codes 010-4547-440.35-10, 010-4575-440-3510, 055-4596-440.35-10, and 959-4581-440.35-10.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute an expenditure contract and any amendments or extensions with Bay Area Community Resources (BACR) in an amount not to exceed \$84,000 for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 for the purpose of placing AmeriCorps interns at the Berkeley High School Health Center (BSHHC), the Tobacco Prevention Program (TPP) and the Ann Chandler Public Health Center. Budget Codes (Expenditure) 010-4547-440.35-10 (\$56,000), 010-4575-440-3510 (\$14,000), 055-4596-440.35-10 (\$7,000), 959-4581-440.35-10 (\$7,000); CMS No. D7A88. A record signature copy of said contract to be on file in the office of the City Clerk.

