



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: Eric Angstadt, Director, Planning and Development Department  
Subject: Grant Agreement: Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, Inc. to Advance Community Resilience

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments with Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, Inc. on behalf of the 100 Resilient Cities Initiative for the approximate period of June 17, 2014 through December 31, 2017 in the approximate amount of \$582,000 and additional non-monetary assistance in the form of technical consultants and other service providers for development and implementation of a community resilience strategy.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, Inc. (RPA) is awarding the City \$291,000 per year for 2 years and additional non-monetary assistance, such as access to technical consultants and other service providers, for a term of 3 years. The funds will be used to cover the annual salary and benefits of a new Assistant to the City Manager staff position housed in the City Manager’s Office as well as approximately 49% of the salary and benefits of a new Associate Civil Engineer position housed in the Department of Public Works, Engineering Division. The City will cover the remaining approximately 51% of the cost of the Associate Civil Engineer. The new Assistant to the City Manager will serve as the City’s Chief Resilience Office (CRO). Hiring a CRO to lead development and implementation of a resilience strategy is a condition of receiving the grant award from RPA.

A budget for these revenues will be established in the FUNDS\$ system under revenue code 421-0701-331.80-97 for one-time grants/special revenues. The budget code for City Manager’s Office funds is 421-0701-410-various; the budget code for Department of Public Works funds is 421-5215-463-various. The contract has been set up in the City Contract Management System; the CMS number is HNJXN.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Rockefeller Foundation launched the 100 Resilient Cities Centennial Challenge in 2013 to help 100 cities worldwide to advance community resilience, i.e., improve the community’s ability to withstand chronic stresses and acute shocks while still

maintaining essential functions and recovering quickly and effectively. Nearly 400 cities across 6 continents applied to participate in the initiative. The City of Berkeley was one of 32 cities to be selected in year 1; an additional 68 cities will be selected over the next 2 years.

As a 100 Resilient Cities awardee, the City of Berkeley will receive support from the Rockefeller Foundation to develop and implement a community resilience strategy. The support the City will receive includes:

- A 2-year grant to cover the annual salary and benefits of the Assistant to the City Manager/Chief Resilience Officer and approximately 49% of the annual salary and benefits of an Associate Civil Engineer
- Access to technical consultants and other service providers that will support development and implementation of the resilience strategy
- Membership in a global network of cities that can share best practices and lessons learned as they work to advance resilience in their communities

Participation in 100 Resilient Cities is an opportunity for the City to expand and accelerate its resilience efforts. The community resilience strategy will build on the analyses and recommendations identified in the draft 2014 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Berkeley Climate Action Plan. The strategy will be developed with multi-departmental input as well as input from a wide range of community stakeholders. It will focus on efforts to increase community readiness – especially the readiness of our most vulnerable community members – for risks associated with earthquakes, climate change, and other hazards.

The Chief Resilience Officer will be the lead staff person responsible for development and implementation of the resilience strategy. To enhance multi-departmental coordination and integrate resilience initiatives throughout City operations, the CRO will convene a multi-departmental leadership team.

The Associate Civil Engineer will work closely with the CRO to identify and prioritize resilience efforts. She/He will be responsible for preparing engineering design, engineering specifications, building codes compliance, and cost estimates associated with capital improvement projects, facility maintenance and upgrades, and infrastructure management with the intent of maintaining the integrity of the City's capital facilities and advancing community resilience.

## BACKGROUND

The City's Office of Energy & Sustainable Development and Office of Emergency Services collaborated to submit an application to the Rockefeller Foundation in fall 2013. Awardees were announced in December 2013 and include cities in Africa, Central and South America, North America, Europe, Asia, and Australia. The City of Oakland and City and County of San Francisco were also selected and staff is already

communicating with our counterparts there to identify opportunities for shared resilience efforts. RPA selected three cities in the Bay Area to explore the potential benefits of regional collaboration on resilience, but the grant does not require the three cities to develop a regional resilience strategy.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Participation in the 100 Resilient Cities initiative will support the development and implementation of a range of efforts that reduce global warming emissions and local air pollutants and improve community readiness for the impacts of climate change. Efforts that the City will undertake as part of the initiative will be designed to advance energy efficiency and energy assurance, water efficiency and recycling, clean transportation, and readiness for climate change impacts such as sea-level rise, drought, and extreme heat.

#### RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Participation in the 100 Resilient Cities initiative is an opportunity to accelerate implementation of strategies identified in the draft 2014 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Berkeley Climate Action Plan and to identify additional strategies to improve community readiness for a range of hazards.

#### ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

There were no alternative actions considered.

#### CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

Grant Agreement with Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, Inc. to Advance  
Community Resilience

WHEREAS, resilience is defined as a community's ability to withstand chronic stresses and acute shocks while still maintaining essential functions and recovering quickly and effectively; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Climate Action Plan and draft 2014 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan identify a range of strategies designed to advance community resilience; and

WHEREAS, Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, Inc. awarded a grant and non-monetary technical assistance to the City of Berkeley to develop a resilience strategy that builds on and accelerates implementation of resilience strategies identified in the Climate Action Plan and draft 2014 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, this agreement has been entered into the City's contract database, CMS No. HNJXN, revenue code 421-0701-331.80-97, budget codes 421-0701-410-various and 421-5215-463-various; CMS No. HNJXN.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments with Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, Inc. on behalf of the 100 Resilient Cities Initiative for the approximate period of June 9, 2014 through December 31, 2017 in the approximate amount of \$582,000 and additional non-monetary assistance in the form of technical consultants and other service providers for development and implementation of a community resilience strategy.