



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
June 13, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
 Submitted by: Paul Buddenhagen, Director, Health, Housing and Community Services
 Subject: Contract: Bay Area Community Resources for the Placement of AmeriCorps Members

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an expenditure contract and any amendments or extensions thereto with Bay Area Community Resources in an amount not to exceed \$72,000 for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 for the placement of AmeriCorps interns at the Berkeley High School Health Center, the Berkeley Technology Academy Health Center, and the Ann Chandler Public Health Center.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding sources for this contract include local funding in budget codes 010-4547-440.35-10 (\$56,000) for Berkeley High School Health Center (BHS HC) and Berkeley Technology Academy Health Center (B-Tech), and 010-4575-440.35-10 (\$16,000) for the Ann Chandler Public Health Center. Funding for this contract is in the proposed FY 2018 budget. The contract has been entered into the City's Contract Management System and assigned CMS No. CGBYC.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

With this contract Bay Area Community Resources (BACR) will provide up to five AmeriCorps members who will work in the Public Health Division at the Berkeley High School Health Center, Berkeley Technology Academy Health Center, and the Ann Chandler Public Health Center to provide health education services related to family planning 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, and facilitate support group services. Members will be placed at the Berkeley High School Health Center, Berkeley Technology Academy Health Center, 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 youth.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The Public Health Division is committed to reducing negative effects on the environment through a variety of common practices including: reducing paper usage as much as possible in daily operations, purchasing local and organic food when available, minimizing the use of single packaged food items, and usage of low emission vehicles for transportation to workshops and presentations.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

One of the ten core functions of a public health jurisdiction is workforce development, including ensuring a pipeline of new entrants into the public health field, and providing educational and “apprenticeship” opportunities to students and others seeking to enter the field. At the Berkeley High School and Berkeley Technology Academy Health Centers, the AmeriCorps members are able to experience working in the public health arena, and gain valuable job readiness and leadership skills while being exposed to the field of public health. At the same time, AmeriCorps members provide much needed health education services to high school students, including education regarding healthy relationships, positive decision making and communication, pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease prevention and testing, and counseling regarding birth control methods. AmeriCorps members also help to implement the youth development peer education program and 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.

At the Ann Chandler Public Health Center, the AmeriCorps members will be able to experience working in the public health arena, gaining valuable job readiness and leadership skills, while conducting community outreach and education, and conducting intakes and health education during patient visits.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The City could decline to hire AmeriCorps members. This alternative was rejected because of the City’s commitment to youth workforce development, and the Public Health Division’s responsibility to public health workforce development, including fostering a pipeline of new entrants into the public health field, and providing educational and “apprenticeship” opportunities to those seeking to enter the field.

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 AmeriCorps program provides professional development opportunities to youth in the field of public health; and

WHEREAS, the intern programs at the Berkeley High School Health Center, Berkeley Technology Academy, and the Ann Chandler Public Health Center assist in the provision of critical health education services for their high risk populations; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the current year budgets in General Fund: Budget Codes 010-4547-440.35-10 and 010-4575-440.35-10.

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 thereto with Bay Area Community Resources (BACR) in an amount not to exceed \$72,000 for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 for the purpose of placing AmeriCorps interns at the Berkeley High School Health Center, the Berkeley Technology Academy Health Center, and the Ann Chandler Public Health Center. Budget Codes (Expenditure) 010-4547-440.35-10 (\$56,000) and 010-4575-440.35-10 (\$16,000); CMS No. CGBYC. A record signature copy of said contract to be on file in the office of the City Clerk.

