



Councilmember Ben Bartlett  
City Of Berkeley, District 3

CONSENT CALENDAR  
March 27, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Councilmember Ben Bartlett and Councilmember Cheryl Davila  
Subject: 5th Annual Rising Stars Youth Leadership Gala

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution approving the expenditure of funds relinquished to the city's general fund from the discretionary Council Office budgets to Building Opportunities of Self-Sufficiency (BOSS), including \$50 from Councilmember Ben Bartlett, and any other funds from Councilmembers who wish to contribute.

BACKGROUND

The BOSS Rising Stars Youth Leadership Gala will, for the 5th year, honor local young people who are facing serious hardships – homelessness, poverty, family crises, criminal justice involvement, substance abuse – and are working hard towards college and other life goals despite those challenges.

This event honors youth who have succeeded in spite of challenges that they face on a daily basis. The mission of BOSS is to help homeless, poor, and disabled people achieve health and self-sufficiency, and to fight against the root causes of poverty and homelessness.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

No general fund impact; \$50 is available from Councilmember Bartlett's Council Office Budget discretionary account, along with any other funds from Councilmembers who wish to contribute.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

None.

CONTACT PERSON

Councilmember Ben Bartlett, 510-981-7130

ATTACHMENT

1: Resolution

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

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS FOR A GRANT TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SERVICES FOR A MUNICIPAL PURPOSE

WHEREAS, Councilmember Ben Bartlett has discretionary funds in his office expenditure account; and

WHEREAS, Building Opportunities of Self-Sufficiency (BOSS) is community based 501(c)3 organization that was established in 1971 by volunteers in response to the release of mentally ill patients into the streets after state hospital closures; and

WHEREAS, BOSS has since expanded its operations to include support for youth experiencing homelessness and other challenges, with an emphasis on rewarding them for their achievements and successes; and

WHEREAS, BOSS provides quality services such as emergency shelters, transitional houses, education and employment programs, family and child development services, health and mental health care programs, leadership development and organizing initiatives, re-entry initiatives, and more; and

WHEREAS, BOSS will be holding their 5th Annual Rising Stars Youth Leadership Gala on June 22, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Gala is a joyous community celebration of local youth, with food, entertainment and appearances by local figures, as well as awards given to young people by BOSS, Berkeley High School, Berkeley Technology Academy, and Berkeley Youth Alternatives.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that funds relinquished by the Mayor and Councilmembers from their Council Office Budget, including \$50 from Councilmember Bartlett's budget, shall be granted to Building Opportunities of Self-Sufficiency (BOSS) for their upcoming Gala.