To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Kelly Wallace, Interim Director, Health, Housing and Community Services Department

Subject: Contract No. 10577B Amendment: Dorothy Day House – Winter Shelter Extension

RECOMMENDATION
Adopt a Resolution ratifying the action taken by the City Manager during recess to amend Contract No. 10577B with Dorothy Day House to add $17,000 to extend the operation of the Berkeley Emergency Storm Shelter (BESS) through August 31, 2018 for a total contract amount not to exceed $439,648 through June 30, 2019.

NEGATIVE EFFECT IF ACTION IS DELAYED UNTIL AFTER COUNCIL RECESS
The BESS program has been operational since December 2017 and was scheduled to close on June 30, 2018. The program has the capacity to shelter up to 90 people each night at 1925 9th Street. Extending the shelter for an additional two months will allow guests staying at the shelter to remain and enable homeless service providers, including the Hub outreach team, to continue to assess and engage this population. At its October 31, 2017 meeting, City Council extended resolutions passed on January 19, 2016 and November 15, 2016, declaring a homeless shelter crisis in Berkeley through January 19, 2020. The extension authorizes the City Manager to allow homeless people to occupy designated City facilities as shelters during the period of this crisis.

Extending the shelter at 1925 9th St through August 31, 2018 will require additional funding for the shelter operator, Dorothy Day House.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION
Dorothy Day House has unspent FY18 funds in the amount of $57,964. This funding will cover a portion of the costs for the two month winter shelter extension. Dorothy Day House needs an additional $17,000 to cover the remaining costs through August 31, 2018. This amount will be added to Dorothy Day’s existing Contract No. 010577B resulting in an amendment Contract No. 010577C (CMS #WNPAB) with Dorothy Day House. On June 26, 2018, Council approved the allocation of $400,000 for Expanded Emergency Shelter Program efforts. The $17,000 will be allocated from this $400,000.
CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS
Dorothy Day House has operated the BESS program out of 1925 9th Street, since December 23, 2017. The shelter provides nightly shelter for 90 literally homeless people.

BACKGROUND
Dorothy Day House (DDH) has operated the Berkeley Emergency Storm Shelter (BESS) for fifteen years. Up until FY17, DDH operated BESS as an overnight shelter on a first-come, first served basis for up to 45 nights for a maximum capacity of 65 people each night. The BESS shelter would open if rain or temperatures at or below 40 degrees were expected overnight. For the past several years, BESS has operated the BESS at different faith based and City of Berkeley owned sites. In addition to operating the BESS, through its contract with the City of Berkeley, DDH also operates the Monday through Saturday breakfast program at Christ Church in Berkeley.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION
Dorothy Day House has a long history of operating the winter shelter, including an expanded and extended nightly shelter during the 2016-2017 winter season. This year DDH has successfully operated a nightly shelter at 1925 9th Street.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED
None.

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Attachments:
1: Resolution
RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT NO. 10577B AMENDMENT: DOROTHY DAY HOUSE WINTER SHELTER EXTENSION

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley is committed to providing a humane response to addressing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley has historically implemented a seasonal winter shelter program; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley Emergency Storm Shelter (BESS), operated by Dorothy Day House, was awarded $30,101 on June 27, 2017 to operate an Emergency Storm Shelter on cold and rainy nights only for up to 65 people for 45 nights in FY2018; and

WHEREAS, at its December 5, 2017 City Council meeting Council authorized expenditures of up to $300,000 for an expanded winter shelter; and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2018 Dorothy Day House was awarded $180,000 in additional funding to operate Berkeley Emergency Storm Shelter (BESS), on a continuous basis through April 15, 2018 and to expand the shelter maximum capacity to 90 people; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2018 Dorothy Day House was awarded $100,000 in additional funding to operate Berkeley Emergency Storm Shelter (BESS), on a continuous basis up through June 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2018 City Council allocated $400,000 to Expanded Emergency Shelter Program efforts in FY19; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Day House has an existing contract (Contract No. 010577B) with the City of Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of $17,000 (Budget Code: 010-9703-410-3510) are available to extend the winter shelter on a nightly basis through August 31, 2018.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Council ratifies the action taken by the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 10577B with Dorothy Day House to add up to $17,000 to extend the operation of the Berkeley Emergency Storm Shelter (BESS) through August 31, 2018, for a total contract amount not to exceed $439,648.