To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

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

Subject: Authorizing Participation in the one-time Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment Funding Opportunity Available as a Result of SB 840 (Chapter 29, Statutes of 2018)

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a letter of interest to the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for one-time funding provided for Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment funding through Senate Bill 840 (SB 840, authorizing participation in the Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment allocation in fiscal year 2019, accept the funding and execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments to conduct activities specified in SB 840 in the projected amount of $100,000 total in fiscal year 2019 and fiscal year 2020.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The City of Berkeley will receive funds in the estimated amount of $100,000 from DHCS for activities involving individuals with serious mental illness and who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The funds for this contract (CMS No. PHGHK) will be in revenue budget code: 421-4445 in Mental Health Services.

Spending of all referenced grant funds is subject to Council approval of the budget for each fiscal year and the Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Health, Housing & Community Services Department provides a broad range of services and supports involving individuals with serious mental illness who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The funding through SB840 will allow the Department to expand those services flexibly to better meet the needs of the specified population.

BACKGROUND

Senate Bill 840, enacted in the Budget Act of 2018, Chapter 29, allows for DHCS to provide Counties (including cities directly receiving funds pursuant to Section 5701.5 of the Welfare and Intuitions Code) with one-time funding for local activities involving individuals with serious mental illness who are homeless or at risk of becoming.
homeless. In order to receive these one-time funds, Berkeley must provide DHCS a letter of interest and a resolution by City Council authorizing participation in this program.

Berkeley may use this funding to leverage other funding sources, and these funds shall pay for only that portion of the costs of services not otherwise provided by federal funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
There are no sustainability effects associated with the recommendation of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION
These funds will support the Health, Housing and Community Services Department in providing enhanced services for individuals with serious mental illness who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED
The City could not apply for these funds.

CONTACT PERSON
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Attachments:
1: Resolution
RESOLUTION NO. ##,###–N.S.

AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ONE-TIME HOMELESS MENTALLY ILL OUTREACH AND TREATMENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE AS A RESULT OF SB 840 (CHAPTER 29, STATUES OF 2018).

WHEREAS, California’s Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. and the California Legislature have recognized the critical need for funding at the local level to combat homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Governor, Legislature, and this City recognize the need for outreach and treatment to those who are living with a severe mental illness who are also homeless or at risk of homelessness, including persons participating in Whole Person Care pilots or who have had recent involvement with the criminal justice system or release from incarceration, as well as other special populations within the city; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature have allocated $50 million dollars in one-time funding for Fiscal Year 2018-19 to counties and four eligible cities for the Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment allocation; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature have directed counties and cities to leverage other available funding for this purpose and prohibited any supplantation of existing funding or services in order to maximize the impact of Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment allocation dollars locally; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature require counties and cities that receive Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment allocation funding to expend the funding no later than June 30, 2020, and further require counties to report to the Department of Health Care Services the disposition of funds, the services provided, and the number of individuals who received services no later than 90 days after the full expenditure of funding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley designates Dee Williams-Ridley, the City Manager, as the single point of contact to the Department of Health Care Services for the Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment allocation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley affirms the city’s commitment to combatting homelessness and improving outreach and treatment for those living with severe mental illness in our communities pursuant to the provisions of SB 840 and the receipt of Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment funding.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Council approves the following:

The City is hereby authorized to participate in the Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment allocation in Fiscal Year 2018-19, submit a letter of interest for one-time
funding to the State of California, Department of Healthcare Services, accept the funding and execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments to conduct activities specified in Senate Bill 840 in the projected amount of $100,000 total in fiscal year 2019 and fiscal year 2020. Budget Codes: 421-4445-331 (Revenue); 421-4445-440 various (Expenditure). CMS No. PHGHK. A signature copy of said documents, agreements and any amendments shall be on file in the office of the City Clerk.