



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
January 29, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
 Submitted by: Kelly Wallace, Acting Director, Health, Housing & Community Services
 Subject: Authorizing Acceptance of Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission Mental Health Triage Children's Grant

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a grant agreement with the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) and any amendments in the amount of \$216,099 and authorize the use of Medi-Cal and Early Periodic Screening, Detection and Treatment (EPSDT) matching funds of \$145,996 to staff crisis services at Berkeley High School for the period 2/1/2019 through 1/30/2022.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The City of Berkeley will receive funds in the amount of \$216,098.53 in total for the period 2/1/2019 through 1/30/2022 from the MHSOAC. In this same period of time, it is estimated that staff in this program will bill \$145,996.00 for Medi-Cal and EPSDT activities. The funds will be deposited and expensed for this contract (CMS No. Q3657) from the One-Time Grant: Non Capital Expenditures Fund (Fund #336).

The MHSOAC grant will be officially appropriated as part of the Second Amendment to the FY 2019 Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Mental Health Division currently provides mental health services at Berkeley High School at the High School Health Center (BSHHC). Current staffing at the BSHHC includes 1 FTE Senior Behavior Health Clinician, 1.5 FTE Behavioral Health Clinician II, and graduate level interns. The mental health staff at the BSHHC provide a variety of services, including: responding to students who walk in with immediate needs; outreach, screening, assessment, referral and treatment for students who are referred to services; and provision of groups to students.

Due to the need to always have a mental health clinician available for walk-in services, the capacity for providing ongoing treatment for students at the BSHHC has been limited. Accepting this grant funding from the MHSOAC would support the mental health division to have a dedicated crisis clinician available for walk-in students and to

respond to any crisis in the school for fiscal year 2020. This will free up existing staff to greatly increase the amount of ongoing treatment for students who are referred for treatment or identified as needing ongoing treatment through the walk-in process.

BACKGROUND

Both Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD) and the Mental Health Division conducted needs assessments that identified the need for additional services, including crisis services, at Berkeley High School. BUSD partnered with the Alameda County Center for Healthy Schools and Communities to conduct a Berkeley Public Schools Needs Assessment (2015), while the Mental Health Division conducted a Mental Health Service Act (MHSA) Innovations Funds: City of Berkeley Planning Report. These assessments included significant public input about the desire to have a way to increase the capacity for responding to mental health crisis within BUSD and the need for increased mental health services for students. In response to this input, the Mental Health Division has looked for opportunities to find funding to support this goal.

The Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013, Senate Bill 82, provides grant funds to improve access to and capacity for mental health crisis services. This grant program provides funds to increase capacity for client assistance and services in crisis intervention, stabilization, treatment, rehabilitative mental health services and mobile crisis support teams. Services that are funded are designed to increase access to effective outpatient and crisis services, provide an opportunity to reduce costs associated with expensive inpatient and emergency room care, reduce incarceration, and better meet the needs of individuals experiencing a mental health crisis in the least restrictive manner possible.

The MHSOAC released a Request for Applications (RFA) for Mental Health Triage Personnel Children in February, 2018. This RFA was for crisis services for children and youth. The Mental Health Division submitted an application for these funds in April of 2018. This original grant application was for \$980,892 of grant funding in total for fiscal years 2019, 2020, and 2021 and would have established a crisis system for BUSD at both the middle school and high school level.

The MHSOAC originally notified the City of Berkeley in April of 2018 that the proposal would not be funded. Subsequently, the MHSOAC contacted the mental health division and informed them that there was a reduced amount of funding that had not been allocated and that the MHSOAC would be interested in receiving a proposal for up to \$216,099 to increase crisis capacity for youth and children. The division then submitted a revised grant application and budget and revised program budget and project description were then approved by the MHSOAC.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no identifiable environmental impacts or opportunities associated with the action recommended in this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

These funds will support the Health, Housing and Community Services Department in providing enhanced services for students who attend Berkeley High School who are in crisis for academic year 2020.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The City could not accept these funds and not increase staffing to respond to student crisis needs at Berkeley High School.

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Attachments:

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. -N.S.

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES OVERSIGHT AND
ACCOUNTABILITY MENTAL HEALTH TRIAGE GRANT

WHEREAS, as a local mental health jurisdiction, the City of Berkeley operates a High School Health Center at Berkeley High School; and

WHEREAS, the public has given input requesting that there is a need for increased crisis services for students at Berkeley High School; and

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission has approved a grant application for the City of Berkeley \$216,098.53 in total for the period 2/1/2019 through 1/30/2022 to increase crisis services at Berkeley High School for FY2020;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Council approves the following: The City Manager or her designee is hereby authorized to accept \$216,098.53 in total for the period 2/1/2019 through 1/30/2022, execute any necessary agreements in line with the grant award, and implement the crisis services project and appropriation of funds for related agreements. The funds will be deposited and expensed for this contract (CMS No. Q3657) from the One-Time Grant: Non Capital Expenditures Fund (Fund #336). A signature copy of said documents, agreements and any amendments shall be on file in the office of the City Clerk.