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**ACTION CALENDAR**  
**May 14, 2019**

TO: Members of City Council  
FROM: Councilmembers Cheryl Davila, Kate Harrison, and Sophie Hahn  
Subject: Authorizing Additional Inclement Weather Shelter at Old City Hall from April 15, 2019-June 30, 2019

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. Authorize the City Manager to maintain open an as-needed inclement weather shelter from April 15, 2019 - June 30, 2019, to provide safe, indoor locations for our unhoused community during inclement weather, including changing the cold temperature to below 45 degrees, rain, and add extreme heat and atmospheric pollution such as smoke.
2. Approving the allocation of \$60,000 in funding for this inclement weather shelter with funds from the budget appropriations for an expanded Emergency Shelter program or by State Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) funding.
3. Authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No. 10577B with Dorothy Day House for the current operation of the as-needed inclement weather shelter, that will include this extension through June 30, 2019, and possible program expansion in order to increase number of unhoused people served.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The City Council on June 26, 2018, by adoption of the FY 2019 Mid-Biennial Budget Update approved \$400,000 General Funds for an expanded Emergency Shelter program. Funding for the additional inclement weather shelter will come from this budget allocation or from State Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) funding. The City of Berkeley is expected to receive over \$3 million in HEAP funding.

**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 would open if rain or temperatures at or below 40 degrees were expected overnight. For the past several years, DDH had operated the BESS at different faith based and City of Berkeley owned sites.

At its October 31, 2017, meeting the 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 the crisis.

In recognition of the homeless shelter crisis, and the growing number of unhoused persons in the City of Berkeley, the City Council in November 2018 directed the City Manager to utilize unused Old City Hall for uses that included emergency shelter. At its March 12, 2019, the City Council allocated funds totaling \$60,000 for BESS at 2134 MLK, Old City Hall under license with DDH.

While the City Manager currently is authorized to operate a nightly Emergency Shelter, through April 15, 2019, direction is needed from Council regarding to continuation of shelter services at Old City Hall through June 30, 2019.

**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

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

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RESOLUTION NO. XXXX

**FY19 EXPANDED EMERGENCY SHELTER: ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION OF FUNDING AND AUTHORIZATION OF CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH DOROTHY DAY HOUSE FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER SHELTER OPERATIONS AT OLD CITY HALL**

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

**WHEREAS**, on June 26, 2018, City Council allocated \$400,000 to Expanded Emergency Shelter Program efforts in FY19, which included funding for Dorothy Day House and for other costs incurred by City staff; and

**WHEREAS**, total spending on the Expanded Emergency Shelter Program so far exceeds the current \$60,000 allocation to Dorothy Day House to operate the Old City Hall (2134 MLK) shelter and for other costs incurred by the City and necessary to continue shelter operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the existing budget will fund shelter operations only through April 15, 2019, and \$60,000 is needed to extend the shelter through June 30, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, \$60,000 in additional funds are needed to add to the original allocation of \$60,000 to provide expanded inclement weather shelter through June 30, 2019 and will be brought into the budget in the second Appropriations Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, Dorothy Day House has an existing contract (Contract No. 010577D) with the City of Berkeley totaling \$639,648 for both winter shelter and homeless breakfast services;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Council authorizes the City Manager or her designee to execute an amendment to Contract No. 10577E with Dorothy Day House to add \$60,000 to extend the operation of the Berkeley Emergency Storm Shelter (BESS) through June 30, 2019, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$60,000. A record copy of said agreement is on file with the City Clerk.

