



Office of the City Manager

April 13, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: *DWR* Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Subject: Winter Shelter Extended

Today I took action to extend the nightly winter shelter at University Avenue and 9th Street through the end of June. This winter shelter program has been operational since December 2017 and was scheduled to close on April 15, 2018. The shelter, operated by Dorothy Day House, provides shelter for up to 90 homeless people each evening. The monthly cost of this action is \$60,000.

Attached is the council recess item that will come before you on May 1st for your action. With such action we will continue to provide a warm, indoor shelter for homeless people to sleep, along with regular support from the Hub, and public health.

Attachment

cc: Jovan Grogan, Deputy City Manager
Ann-Marie Hogan, City Auditor
Mark Numainville, City Clerk
Paul Buddenhagen, Director of Health, Housing & Community Services
Teresa Berkeley-Simmons, Budget Manager
Matthai Chakko, Assistant to the City Manager



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RECESS ITEM
CONSENT CALENDAR
May 1, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: Paul Buddenhagen, Director, Health, Housing & Community Services
Subject: Contract Amendment with Dorothy Day House for Winter Shelter Extension

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution ratifying the action taken by the City Manager during recess to execute an amendment to Contract No. 010577A with Dorothy Day House to add up to \$150,000 to extend the operation of the Berkeley Emergency Storm Shelter (BESS) through May 31, 2018, with an option to extend the end date to June 30, 2018, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$401,324.

NEGATIVE EFFECT IF ACTION IS DELAYED UNTIL AFTER COUNCIL RECESS

The BESS program has been operational since December 2017 and is scheduled to close on April 15, 2018. The program has the capacity to shelter up to 90 people each night at 1925 9th Street, with additional capacity to serve up to 60 people at either the North Berkeley Senior Center or the Frances Albrier Community Center on cold or rainy nights. The last point-in-time count of the homeless population undertaken in January 2017 found that there are 664 people living on the streets of Berkeley each night. Extending the shelter for an additional 6 weeks, (through May 31st) with an option to extend through June, will keep those living in the shelter to remain out of the elements 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.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The total amount of additional General Fund needed for the extension of the BESS shelter is \$90,000 if the shelter is extended through May 31, 2018, and \$150,000, if the shelter is extended through June 30, 2018. The appropriate Contract Number is 010577A, CMS# MISKK.

On December 5, 2017, Council approved the allocation of \$3.5 million of the \$4.5 million available General Fund Excess Equity (General Fund Balance). The \$150,000 required to keep the shelter open through the end of fiscal year 2018 will be funded from the available General Fund balance and included in AAO#2, which is scheduled to go to council in May.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

At its December 5, 2017 meeting as part of the mid-year budget update process, City Council allocated \$300,000 for an expanded Winter Shelter Program, which would operate nightly from December 2017 to April 2018. On January 23, 2018, Council authorized the City Manager to amend an existing contract with Dorothy Day House to operate the Berkeley Emergency Storm Shelter (BESS) program. That amendment added \$180,000 to an existing allocation of \$30,101 to expand the existing Berkeley Emergency Storm Shelter (BESS) and operate a nightly winter shelter for up to 140 nights through April 15, 2018. The expanded Winter Shelter Program increased the number of nights BESS operated from 45 to 120. Dorothy Day House has operated the BESS program out of 1925 9th Street, and has provided staffing for a second location, which rotated between the North Berkeley Senior Center and the Frances Albrier Community Center, on rainy and cold nights.

BACKGROUND

The City currently provides 140 year-round shelter beds that are accessible through the City's homeless coordinated entry system, The Hub. The Hub screens and prioritizes candidates for shelter, and places them in a bed at one of four shelters that serve single women, single men, transition-age youth, and families. Shelter residents occupy those beds until other housing is located with the help of a case manager.

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 nightly shelter during the 2016-2017 winter season. This year DDH has successfully operated a nightly shelter at 1925 9th Street and at a second location during cold and rainy nights.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The BESS program could be closed as scheduled on April 15.

CONTACT PERSON

Jennifer Vasquez, CSSIII, HHCS, 981-5427

Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

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 \$110,000 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 75 people; and

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

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of \$150,000 (Budget Code: 010-9703-410-3510) are available to extend the winter shelter on a nightly basis through June 30, 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. 010577A with Dorothy Day House to add up to \$150,000 to extend the operation of the Berkeley Emergency Storm Shelter (BESS) through May 31, 2018, with an option to extend the end date to June 30, 2018, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$401,324.