



Councilmember Ben Bartlett
City of Berkeley, District 3

CONSENT CALENDAR
November 14, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmembers Bartlett, Hahn, Maio, and Davila
Subject: Healthy Black Families, Inc.: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Fund to General Fund and Grant of Such Funds

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount to be determined by each Councilmember to the Healthy Black Families Inc. annual holiday celebration.

BACKGROUND:

Founded in July 2013, Health Black Families Inc. (“HBF”) is a non-profit organization which aims to address racial disparities in healthcare. HBF provides free services for mothers and children, which are specific to the needs of African American families.

HBF also partners with a variety of other organizations such as Sisters Together Empowering Peers or S.T.E.P and the Center for Food, Faith and Justice.

The Health Black Families Holiday Celebration will take place on Saturday December 16, 2017 from 10:45AM – 4:15PM at the South Berkeley Senior Center.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Unknown.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:

No Impact.

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

AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS FOR A GRANT TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SERVICES FOR A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC PURPOSE

WHEREAS, Councilmember Ben Bartlett has surplus funds in his office expenditure account; and

WHEREAS, a California non-profit tax-exempt corporation -- Healthy Black Families, Inc. -- will receive funds in an amount to be determined by each Councilmember; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such services would fulfill the following municipal public purpose: Healthy Black Families, Inc ("HBF") promotes community bonding for equity and progressive change for children, families, and society through providing childcare, transportation vouchers, food incentives for meetings, and hosting cultural activities; and

WHEREAS, HBF hosts various community activities including Mother's Day celebrations, Turkey Basket distribution, December Holiday gatherings, February Black History Month Celebrations, and a Summer Barbeque; and

WHEREAS, cultural celebrations and childcare are critical to the social unity of our community, and are integrated into HBF events.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that funds relinquished by the Mayor and Councilmembers from their council office budget shall be granted to Healthy Black Families, Inc.