



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

January 21, 2014

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From:  Christine Daniel, City Manager

Submitted by: Jane Micallef, Director, Health, Housing & Community Services

Subject: Contract: Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency for Homeless Outreach Services: Mental Health Services Act, Prevention and Early Intervention

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS) for the provision of mental health outreach services and supports for homeless Transition Age Youth (TAY), Adults and Older Adults in Berkeley and Albany in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 through January 31, 2015.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the recommended action will require an expenditure of \$100,000 from the FY 2014 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention & Early Intervention (PEI) budget to provide mental health services and supports to homeless TAY, Adults and Older Adults in Berkeley and Albany. Funds are available in the FY 2014 budget to cover these expenditures from MHSA revenues received from the State of California. The expenditure code to be charged is 63-4412-440-3510. The contract has been entered into the City contract management database, and assigned CMS No. WSJ84.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Community program planning for the MHSA FY 2012-2013 Annual Update identified homeless and marginally housed individuals as those that have high priority needs for additional Mental Health services and supports. Various populations were identified that have specific mental health and healthcare needs of which the current system of care is either minimally serving or not addressing at all, including: women; elderly; and TAY, adults and older adults living on the streets or in area homeless encampments. To that end, funding for a new program to increase access to available community resources and mental health services and supports for homeless individuals in Berkeley and Albany was included in the City Council approved MHSA FY 2012-2013 Annual Plan Update.

Through this new program, those in need will be outreached to and provided supported referrals to area programs and services that are already in operation. Program services will include outreach, education, crisis intervention, short-term counseling, and referral.

BACKGROUND

Since the passage of Proposition 63 in 2004, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), the Health, Housing & Community Services Department, Mental Health Division, has received annual MHSA funding which is intended to expand and transform the mental health service delivery system to better meet the needs of underserved communities, among others. This initiative has provided new opportunities for the Mental Health Division to further develop and expand its system of care, utilizing non-profit providers in the planning and delivery of comprehensive mental health services. This contract advances this goal as well as provides improved coordination between the City and its partner system of care agencies, in service to the community.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

This contract was awarded on a competitive basis following the issuance of a Request for Proposals (Solicitation No.14-10814-C). The chosen contractor possesses unique capabilities to meet the needs of the specified target population and the ability to effectively coordinate with the Mental Health Division and other community resources.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Pursuant to the need to increase services and supports for homeless TAY, Adults, and Older Adults in Berkeley and Albany, and adherence to the approved MHSA FY 2012-2013 Annual Update, no other alternatives were considered.

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Attachments:

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. -N.S.

CONTRACT: BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY (BOSS) FOR MENTAL HEALTH OUTREACH, SERVICES, AND SUPPORTS FOR HOMELESS TRANSITION AGE YOUTH, ADULTS AND OLDER ADULTS

WHEREAS, the Department of Health, Housing & Community Services, Mental Health Division currently receives Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) funds on an annual basis to provide mental health services and supports children, youth, transition age youth, adults, and older adults; and

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Division works cooperatively and in partnership with community-based agencies, school districts and providers in the provision of such services and supports; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2013 by Resolution No. 66,107-N.S., the City Council authorized the City Manager to approve the MHSA Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013 Annual Update which included \$100,000 to implement a new PEI program that will provide mental health outreach, services and supports for homeless Transition Age Youth, Adults and Older Adults; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an issued Request for Proposals (Specification No.14-10814-C) for the provision of mental health outreach, services, and supports for homeless Transition Age Youth, Adults, and Older Adults, Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS), submitted a proposal and was determined to be the best responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the FY 2014 budget in the Mental Health Services Act Fund, budget code 63-4412-440-3510, and the contract has been entered into the City-wide contracts database and assigned CMS No. WSJ84.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a contract and make any amendments with Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS) to provide mental health outreach, services, and supports for homeless Transition Age Youth, Adults, and Older Adults in Berkeley and Albany, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for through January 2015. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

