



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

January 28, 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: Berkeley Free Clinic for Clinical Laboratory Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an expenditure contract and any amendments or extensions with the Berkeley Free Clinic in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding for this contract is available in Budget code: 010-4500-440.30-37. Funding for this contract is in the adopted FY 2014 budget. The contract has been entered into the City's Contract Management System and assigned CMS No. DKMEI.

Additionally, Council has authorized a contract with the Berkeley Free Clinic (BFC) through the Community Agency Contracting process in the amount of \$15,000. Budget Code: 010-9703-410.35-10. With this Community Agency Contract and the proposed Public Health Division contract the combined total contract is \$65,000.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

This contract provides financial support to BFC by reimbursing it for clinical laboratory expenses up to \$50,000 for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. These clinical laboratory services are related to reproductive and sexual health and will be provided by a clinical laboratory which is currently licensed and in good standing.

BACKGROUND

Berkeley Public Health Division has a longstanding partnership with BFC, providing funding for laboratory services for BFC clients. Historically the City has paid the laboratory directly for services received by BFC clients. This has presented challenges for both BFC and the City in adequately managing laboratory usage and expenditures. This contract allows the City to provide improved fiscal oversight of expenditures and BFC to assume responsibility for oversight of its use of available funds to optimally service BFC clients.

BFC was founded in 1969 and is an essential safety-net provider of health care services in Berkeley. Fees have never been charged for any services, materials, medications or supplies provided at BFC. Income has been generated solely via individual or organizational donations and government programs. Direct services are provided almost exclusively by volunteer lay health care workers. Volunteers receive extensive and specific training in classroom and clinical settings. Treatments, referrals and guidance are provided in a client-centered context, and are appropriate to their lifestyle, culture, language and financial situation.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

BFC offers free health care services, provided by volunteer staff, to uninsured, disenfranchised, and under-served populations. Services include reproductive and sexual health services for men, women, and trans-gender individuals. These services complement those provided by the City and other community health care providers, and support public health goals of improving the health and well-being of the community.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The City could continue to pay the laboratory directly for Clinical services for BFC patients. This was rejected because the process does not provide the City adequate opportunity for appropriate fiscal oversight of the funds.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

CONTRACT: BERKELEY FREE CLINIC FOR CLINICAL LABORATORY SERVICES

WHEREAS, Berkeley Public Health Division has a longstanding partnership with BFC, providing funding for laboratory services for BFC clients; and

WHEREAS, BFC was founded in 1969 and is an essential safety-net provider of health care services in Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, BFC offers free health care services, provided by volunteer staff, to uninsured, disenfranchised, and under-served populations; and

WHEREAS, BFC's services complement those provided by the City and other community health care providers, and support public health goals of improving the health and well-being of the community; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the current year budgets in General Fund.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute an expenditure contract and any amendments or extensions with the Berkeley Free Clinic (BFC) in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 for the purpose of funding clinical laboratory expenses for BFC clients related to reproductive and sexual health; CMS No. DKMEI. Budget Code (Expenditure) 010-4500-440.30-37. A record signature copy of said contract to be on file in the office of the City Clerk.

