



Office of the City Manager

RECESS ITEM
CONSENT CALENDAR
September 9, 2003

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: ~~Weldon Rucker~~, City Manager

Subject: Funding for Removal of Underground Storage Tanks at Harrison Street Shelter

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the reallocation of FY 2002 Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Funds from Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency, Inc. to the Public Works Department in the amount of \$58,974 for the purpose of providing funding for the removal of Underground Storage Tanks (UST) at the 711 Harrison Street Shelter, as recommended by the Housing Advisory Commission.

NEGATIVE EFFECT IF ACTION IS DELAYED UNTIL AFTER COUNCIL RECESS

The removal of the USTs may be delayed and their existence may pose a health risk to the residents of the homeless shelter.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The reallocation of the \$58,974 in FY2002 ESG funds previously allocated to Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS) to the City's Public Works Department will allow full funding for removal of the USTs at the Harrison Street Shelter. BOSS is agreeable to utilizing its FY2003 ESG monies to address the scope of services originally intended for its FY2002 ESG allocation so that important shelter improvements will still be undertaken.

A total of \$58,974 will be shifted from Budget Code 045-7902-463-3510 to 045-5305-463-6570-01IIS03. Other funds have been allocated to pay for the total costs related to this project.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

In recognition of the importance of removing the USTs as soon as possible, on July 15, 2003 the Council approved plans and specifications for the Harrison Street Shelter UST removal, accepted the bid of Golden Gate Tank Removal, Inc., and authorized the City Manager to execute a contract for \$95,000 with that firm. Approval of the attached resolution during the Council recess period will avoid any delays resulting from not having a Council commitment for the total contract amount. The work is likely to take place in late August.

BACKGROUND

Last year two USTs were discovered at the 711 Harrison Street site. Once the City made the decision to remove the USTs, Emergency Shelter Grant funds were identified as the best funding source for the project. The proposed shift of \$58,974 in FY 2002 ESG funds currently allocated to BOSS for improvements at the Harrison Street Shelter will not have any negative consequences because those funds could not be used until after the UST removal and the most important improvements have been included in the FY 2003 ESG allocation to BOSS, Inc.

On June 5, 2003, after a presentation by Toxic and Housing staff, the Housing Advisory Commission unanimously approved the reprogramming of the 2002 ESG funds for removal of the underground storage tanks and noted their strong disapproval of any additional housing funds going to any related environmental remediation that may arise. (MSC Simmons/Rossi. Yes: Commissioners Bowman, Coulter, Kavanagh, Rossi, Simmons, Stein, Turitz, Wagley, Chairperson Matthews).

The West Berkeley community was informed about the UST removal in a mid-June community meeting discussing proposals for the Ursula Sherman House Project also at the 711 Harrison Street site.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The proposed use of 2002 ESG Fund is an appropriate use for this type of activity, is readily available, and would not have any negative impacts on the original activities proposed.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Use of General Funds.

CONTACT PERSON

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Approved:



Stephen Barton, Housing Director

Ref: G/ppmb/council reports/UST recess

RESOLUTION NO. 61,968 -N.S.

AUTHORIZING THE REALLOCATION OF FY 2002 EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG) FUNDS FROM BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY, INC. TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,974 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THE REMOVAL OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS (UST) AT THE 711 HARRISON STREET SHELTER

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the City remove the UST at the 711 Harrison Street Shelter as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2003 the Housing Advisory Commission unanimously recommended the reallocation of \$58,974 from BOSS, Inc. to the City's Public Works Department to allow full funding for the UST removal; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2003 the Council authorized the City Manager execute a contract with Golden Gate Tank Removal, Inc.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley authorizes the reallocation of FY 2002 Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds from Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency, Inc. to the City of Berkeley Public Works Department in the amount of \$58, 974 for the purpose of providing funding for the removal of UST at the 711 Harrison Street Shelter.