



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
September 19, 2006

To: Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

From: *PK* Phil Kamlarz, City Manager

Submitted by: Stephen Barton, Director, Housing Department

Subject: Contract: Dorothy Day House "Homeless Meals Delivery Van"

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the contract with Dorothy Day House to increase the amount by \$5,700 for a total not to exceed \$ 98,853 for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007 for the purchase of a replacement van for the delivery of meals to the homeless for the Trinity Methodist Church Breakfast Program.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

City staff identified \$5,700 in unspent funds (010-7906-463-3510) as part of an existing contract with Dorothy Day House (Purchase Order #47124). These funds were part of the agency's FY 2004/2005 allocation originally intended to be used for the operation of the Berkeley Emergency Storm Shelter. These funds, carried over into FY 2006, were not expended in FY 2005 since the shelter opened late in the season and remained unspent in FY 2006.

If the recommendation is approved, the appropriation of the carryover funds into FY 2007 will be included in the First Amendment to the FY 2007 Appropriations Ordinance.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Dorothy Day House currently prepares breakfast in the basement kitchen of the Veterans' Memorial Building at 1931 Center Street 6 days per week and delivers them to Trinity Methodist Church on Bancroft Way where breakfast is served for homeless and other low-income residents of Berkeley. The van used to deliver the food broke down completely on August 18, 2006 and needs to be replaced. Dorothy Day house is run by a small staff and volunteers and has limited resources to replace the van. They would use the City's funds to leverage additional funding from private sources to purchase a working used van.

BACKGROUND

The City of Berkeley has a current contract with Dorothy Day House (contract #6689) in the amount of \$93,153 covering the two-year period, July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2007. This contract is comprised of two projects: 1) Trinity Church Breakfast to provide breakfast for homeless and low-income individuals at Trinity Church six days per week. Dorothy Day House staff prepares breakfast in the basement kitchen of the Veterans' Memorial Building at 1931 Center Street and

delivers them to Trinity Methodist Church where breakfast is served for homeless and other low-income residents of Berkeley. (Last fiscal year Dorothy Day House provided over 36,000 meals to over 480 unique individuals); and 2) Berkeley Emergency Storm Shelter to provide an emergency shelter program during rainy winter months at area churches.

On August 18, 2006 the Dorothy Day House Program Director informed City staff that their van used for the Trinity Church Breakfast project had finally broken down, after a series of repairs and that the agency needed to find funding to purchase a new/used van. City staff identified \$5,700 in funding allocated to Dorothy Day House in FY 2005, originally intended to be used for the operation of the Berkeley Emergency Storm Shelter that was not spent. These funds are available for reallocation and staff recommends that they be used to assist Dorothy Day House to purchase a working used van.

J.C. Orton of Night on the Streets Catholic Worker has offered the use of his van to get meals to and from 1937 Center Street, where breakfasts are prepared, and deliver them to Trinity Methodist Church during the month of September. Dorothy Day House staff will approach private foundations and other private donors to raise the remaining funds needed for the purchase of the working used van.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Funds had already been allocated to Dorothy Day House and had been unexpended since 2004. This is a timely use of the unexpended funds originally intended for the same organization.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Dorothy Day House staff proposed serving breakfast at M.L.K. Jr. Park.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

- 1: Resolution

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

AMENDING THE CONTRACT WITH DOROTHY DAY HOUSE FOR HOMELESS MEAL  
DELIVERY VAN

WHEREAS, The City has a current contract with Dorothy Day House to serve meals at Trinity Methodist Church six days per week that require delivery from the preparation site at 1937 Center Street; and

WHEREAS, the Dorothy Day House van recently broke down and the agency has no immediate resources to replace it; and

WHEREAS, City staff identified \$5,700 in unspent funds (010-7906-463-3510) as part of an existing contract with Dorothy Day House (Purchase Order #47124) which were originally intended to be used for the operation of the Berkeley Emergency Storm Shelter and remain unexpended.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that City Council authorizes an amendment to the existing contract with Dorothy Day House (Contract Number 6689) adding \$5,700 for a total not to exceed \$ 98,853 for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007 for the purchase a new van for the delivery of homeless meals for the Trinity Methodist Church Breakfast Program.