



Homeless Commission

CONSENT CALENDAR
September 19, 2006

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: Homeless Commission

Submitted by: Jane Micallef, Secretary, Homeless Commission

Subject: Contract: Case Management Services – University Avenue Homes

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution supporting the City Council's recommendation to allocate an additional \$21,000 for Lifelong Medical Care's Supportive Housing Program to provide case management services at University Avenue (UA) Homes and authorizing an amendment to the contract, increasing the amount by \$21,000 for a total not to exceed \$927,631 for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

\$21,000 in General Funds (010-9703-410-3510) are allocated in the FY 2007 Budget as adopted by Council as part of the Mayor's FY 2007 Budget Recommendations.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

UA Homes, located at 1040 University Avenue in Berkeley, provides 72 units of housing to formerly homeless residents. Rents are subsidized through the Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation program. Community agencies provide case management services, group counseling sessions, social activities, lunchtime meals, and a computer lab to residents. Lifelong Medical Care provides case management services and coordinates the other service providers. The City of Berkeley provides funds to Lifelong for these services as a cash match to the funds they previously received from the Federal Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant program. These grant funds expired at the end of last fiscal year. The Homeless Commission strongly supports the City's investment in permanent supportive housing and supports the City Council's recommendation to add \$21,000 to the current FY 2007 allocation of \$27,915 to Lifelong Medical Care's Supportive Housing Program at UA Homes for a total allocation of \$48,915.

BACKGROUND

The Homeless Commission recommended to Council on May 23, 2006 that additional funds be allocated to Lifelong Medical Care in order to close the funding gap caused by the unexpected expiration of a grant for services at UA Homes. In his FY 2007 Budget Recommendation, Mayor Bates recommended increasing Lifelong Medical Care's allocation by \$21,000 and referred the recommendation back to the Homeless Commission for their review. The Homeless Commission agrees with the Mayor's funding recommendation.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Homeless Commission believes that the City's investment in permanent supportive housing is the most effective method to end homelessness and, for this reason, we support the provision of additional funding to Lifelong Medical Care for its supportive services at UA Homes.

At its regular meeting of July 12, 2006, the Homeless Commission approved a recommendation to support the City Council's recommendation to allocate an additional \$21,000 to Lifelong Medical Care for their Supportive Housing Program at UA Homes. (M/S/C Heineman; Hollowell AYES: Strode, Reed, Hollowell, Lumukanda, Heineman, Lyons, Moshesh. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Sedley)

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

CITY MANAGER

The City Manager concurs with the content and recommendations of the Commission's Report.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

AMENDING CONTRACT FOR CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES AT UNIVERSITY
AVENUE HOMES

WHEREAS, the Mayor recommended in his FY 2007 Budget Recommendation that \$21,000 be allocated to Lifelong Medical Care to provide case management services at University Avenue Homes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council referred this recommendation to the Homeless Commission for their review; and

WHEREAS, the Homeless Commission believes that Permanent Supportive Housing is the most important component of the City of Berkeley's strategy to end homelessness; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the General Fund (budget code 010-9703-410-3510).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley support the City Council's recommendation to allocate an additional \$21,000 for Lifelong Medical Care's Supportive Housing Program and authorize an amendment to the contract, increasing the amount by \$21,000 for a total not to exceed \$927,631 for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007.