



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

October 9, 2007

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: *PK* Phil Kamlarz, City Manager

Submitted by: Renelda Mary, Interim Director, Housing Department

Subject: Shelter Plus Care Partner Agency Contracts

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to increase contract amounts as follows with the Berkeley Food and Housing Project and the Women's Daytime Drop-in Center in order to redistribute \$7,808 in General Funds initially allocated to the Homeless Action Center for the provision of case management services to participants in the City of Berkeley Shelter Plus Care Program: 1) the contract with the Berkeley Food and Housing Project shall be increased by \$6,246, for a total amount not to exceed \$597,400; and 2) the contract with the Women's Daytime Drop-in Center shall be increased by \$1,562, for a total amount not to exceed \$151,558.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

This action involves a reallocation of General Funds already approved by City Council, and will not result in any additional costs to the City. The City Council authorized a total of \$59,048 in funds for FY 08 to be distributed among community agencies that currently partner with the City of Berkeley Shelter Plus Care Program (Resolution No. 63,751-N.S.). Of the total amount, \$7,808 had been awarded to the Alameda County Homeless Action Center, and these funds are being transferred to the Berkeley Food and Housing Project and the Women's Daytime Drop-In Center (budget code 010-9703-410-4510).

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City's Shelter Plus Care Program provides federal rent subsidies that are matched by community services to transition formerly homeless, disabled individuals and families into stable housing. Historically, the City has committed a total of \$59,048 for distribution among eight community agencies that partner with the program. These funds help to compensate the agencies for costs that they incur through fulfilling the programmatic and administrative responsibilities required by the Shelter Plus Care Program.

In May of 2007, the Homeless Action Center voluntarily discontinued its partnership with the Shelter Plus Care Program, and relinquished the \$7,808 in funding that had been

awarded to the agency for providing case management to participants in the program. The Homeless Action Center had a caseload of sixteen Shelter Plus Care households, and responsibility for serving these households has been transferred to the Berkeley Food and Housing Project and the Women's Daytime Drop-In Center. Therefore, the \$7,808 in funds that had been awarded to the Homeless Action Center is being reallocated to these two community agencies.

BACKGROUND

The Shelter Plus Care Program is funded by HUD to provide housing subsidies for people who are homeless with a disability related to a serious mental illness, substance abuse, or HIV/AIDS. The program combines a rental subsidy with ongoing supportive services to assist chronically homeless individuals and families to obtain and maintain housing.

The Berkeley Shelter Plus Care Program is a collaboration between the Housing Department and community agencies. The community agencies maintain waiting lists for the program, assist qualified clients to enroll in the program, assist clients to find housing, and provide ongoing case management and other support services to help the clients retain their housing.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Funds that had been previously awarded to the Homeless Action Center are being redistributed to the two community agencies that have taken on responsibility for serving participants in the Shelter Plus Care Program who were previously being served by the Homeless Action Center. The funds shall be redistributed to the two agencies in an amount that reflects the number of Shelter Plus Care households to whom they have agreed to provide services.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

No alternative action is being considered.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

INCREASE CONTRACT AMOUNTS WITH THE BERKELEY FOOD AND HOUSING PROJECT AND THE WOMEN'S DAYTIME DROP-IN CENTER

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley has awarded a total of \$59,048 to be distributed among the community agencies which partner with the Shelter Plus Care Program to provide case management and ongoing supportive services to participants in the program (Resolution No. 63,751–N.S.); and

WHEREAS, one of these agencies, the Homeless Action Center, has since withdrawn from the partnership and relinquished the \$7,808 in funds that had been awarded to support the agency's participation in the program; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Food and Housing Project and the Women's Daytime Drop-In Center have agreed to provide services to the individuals and families in the Shelter Plus Care Program who were formerly being served by the Homeless Action Center.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to increase the contracts and redistribute \$7,808 in funds to the Berkeley Food and Housing Project and the Women's Daytime Drop-In Center as follows: 1) increase the contract with the Berkeley Food and Housing Project by \$6,246, for a total amount not to exceed \$597,400; and 2) increase the contract with the Women's Daytime Drop-in Center by \$1,562 for a total amount not to exceed \$151,558 (budget code 010-9703-410-4510).

