




Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
December 11, 2007

To:  Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From:  Phil Kamlarz, City Manager

Submitted by: Renelda Mary, Interim Director, Housing Department

Subject: Contract 5894 Amendment: Bonita House, Inc., To Operate As Sponsor Under The Shelter Plus Care Program

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract amendment (No. 5894) with Bonita House, Inc. to operate as Sponsor under the Shelter Plus Care Program and receive Housing Assistance Payments for an amount not to exceed \$112,908 for the period of June 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The City of Berkeley Housing Department has entered into a Grant Agreement with HUD (Grant No. CA01C6020943) which provides the \$112,908 required under this contract (budget code 805-7906-463-3560). The contract is for a one-year period and renewed on an annual basis.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

This contract provides for the continuation of rental assistance to house formerly homeless adults in rental units owned and operated by Bonita House, Inc. The participants in the Program are dually diagnosed with a serious mental illness and a history of drug and alcohol dependence, and, in addition to housing, receive ongoing supportive services from Bonita House, Inc. Services provided include case management, mental health treatment, and drug and alcohol recovery services.

BACKGROUND

In 1999, the City of Berkeley received a five-year Shelter Plus Care grant from HUD for the Pathways Project, to provide Shelter Plus Care rental assistance for seven homeless individuals dually diagnosed with a mental illness and a history of substance abuse. Effective July 1, 2002, the City of Berkeley entered into a Contract Number 5894 with Bonita House, Inc. to become the sponsoring agency for the grant, authorized by Council Resolution 61,698-N.S. Participants being served through the Program reside at MLK House, a seven-bedroom house in Berkeley owned and operated by Bonita House, Inc.

The initial Shelter Plus Care grant with HUD was for a five-year period that expired on May 31, 2006, and now must be renewed on an annual basis. The City of Berkeley Housing

Department submitted the first renewal application for this grant to HUD in June of 2005. Through the renewal application, the City of Berkeley was able to expand the grant to include 4 additional one-bedroom units at Temescal Apartments, an apartment building also owned and operated by Bonita House, Inc. Thus, including the seven units at MLK House, the grant currently provides funding to assist a minimum of eleven adults. The current HUD contract amount is a total of \$112,908 for the operating period of June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008. HUD regulations allow Shelter Plus Care grantees to serve a greater number of participants if the Program has sufficient capacity to do so with the amount of funding available through the grant. Consequently, the Program has been able to expand and subsidize four additional units at Temescal Apartments, for a total of 15 participants being housed through this grant.

A new contract must be executed with Bonita House, Inc. since the prior contract has expired, and to reflect the expansion of the grant to include the additional housing units being provided by Bonita House, Inc. at Temescal Apartments.

This grant is one of five Shelter Plus Care grants operated by the City of Berkeley. The Housing Department administers the grants and provides operational and programmatic oversight, and inspects each rental unit to ensure that it meets federal health quality standards. The City partners with Berkeley Mental Health, the Berkeley Division on Aging, and several community agencies, which provide ongoing case management and support services to participants in the Program.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

This is an ongoing program, and the contract allows the City of Berkeley to provide permanent supportive housing for a minimum of 11 adults who were formerly homeless in Berkeley, and dually diagnosed with a serious mental illness and history of drug and alcohol dependence and receiving services through Bonita House, Inc.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

CONTRACT NO. 5894 AMENDMENT : BONITA HOUSE, INC., TO OPERATE AS
SPONSOR UNDER THE SHELTER PLUS CARE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded the City of Berkeley a Shelter Plus Care Grant in the amount of \$308,280 to administer and provide rental assistance for seven homeless and dually diagnosed adults for an initial period of five years, ending on May 31, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley entered into Contract Number 5894 with Bonita House, Inc., as authorized by Council Resolution 61,698-N.S and effective July 1, 2002, in order for Bonita House to become the project sponsor and house program participants in units owned and operated by the agency; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley renews the Shelter Plus Care grant on an annual basis, and through the renewal process successfully expanded the grant to include rental assistance for four additional homeless and dually diagnosed adults; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded the City of Berkeley a renewal grant for the amount of \$112,908, and executed a contract as authorized by City Council Resolution 63,675-N.S., effective from June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Bonita House, Inc. is willing and able to perform duties and render services as required under the Shelter Plus Care Program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute a contract and any amendments with Bonita House, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$112,908 in Housing Assistance Payments to be paid from budget code 805-7906-463-3560 for the period of June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008 to house Shelter Plus Care Program participants in seven (7) units at MLK House and eight (8) units at Temescal Apartments.

