



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

April 12, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Lisa Warhuus, Director, Health, Housing, and Community Services

Subject: Revenue Contract: Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission for \$2,500,000 for Coordination and Provision of Mental Health Services in Berkeley Unified School District

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to apply for funding provided by the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) through the Mental Health Student Services Act Request for Applications, accept the funding, and execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments to coordinate and provide mental health services in the Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD) for \$2,500,000 in FY 2022 through FY 2027.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The City of Berkeley will receive funds up to the amount of \$2,500,00.00 from the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission to support the coordination and provision of mental health services in Berkeley Unified School District. The funds for this contract will be deposited and expensed from the One-Time Grant: No Capital Fund, ERMA revenue GL Code 336-51-503-525- (FUND\$ Project Code 421), and will be appropriated in a future amendment to the Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Health, Housing, and Community Services Department (HHCS) applied for the grant funds and received notification that the City had been awarded \$2,500,000.00. The funding will support coordination and provision of mental health services at the Berkeley Unified School District. The Mental Health Student Services Act grant is a Strategic Plan Priority Project, advancing our goal to champion and demonstrate social and racial equity.

BACKGROUND

The City of Berkeley partnered with Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD) to seek Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) funding from the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) to address pressing needs within the BUSD related to student mental health and wellness. Although some specific uses

of funding will be determined in the program development phase, initial planning conversations between District and school leadership and the Berkeley Mental Health Division (MHD) have resulted in the identification of three priority areas for MHSSA funding:

- 1) Dedicated staff to facilitate relationship building and service coordination across MHD and BUSD;
- 2) Services to address BUSD's most pressing mental health needs through increased availability of on-campus mental health treatment, navigation support for parents/caregivers, and training for teachers and school staff related to student mental health and wellness; and
- 3) A comprehensive assessment and strategic planning process to inform BUSD's long-term approach to student mental health.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects, climate impacts, or sustainability opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

These funds will support the provision of critical mental health services for students in Berkeley. Providing safe and equitable access to essential health services is a key purpose of HHCS.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

No alternatives consistent with the City's goal of providing equitable mental health services were identified.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

REVENUE CONTRACT: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION FOR COORDINATION AND PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission issued a Request for Applications through the Mental Health Student Services Act for mental health services in California public schools; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Housing and Community Services Department applied for and was awarded funding in the amount of \$2,500,000; and

WHEREAS, accepting funding provided through the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission will support the Mental Health Division's work to coordinate and provide mental health services for Berkeley Unified School District students.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Council approves the following: The City Manager or her designee is hereby authorized to accept funding from the Mental Health Oversight and Accountability Commission and to execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments to support the coordination and provision of mental health services in the Berkeley Unified School District in the projected amount of \$2,500,000 total in Fiscal Year 2022 through Fiscal Year 2027. The funds for this contract will be deposited and expensed from the One-Time Grant: No Capital Fund (ERMA revenue GL Code 336-51-503-525- (FUND\$ Project Code 421), and will be appropriated in a future amendment to the Annual Appropriations Ordinance. A signature copy of said documents, agreements and any amendments shall be on file in the office of the City Clerk.

