



CITY COUNCILMEMBER
RIGEL ROBINSON
 DISTRICT 7

CONSENT CALENDAR

April 12, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Rigel Robinson

Subject: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to the General Fund and Grant of Such Funds for the Suitcase Clinic

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember, including \$500 from Councilmember Robinson, to the Suitcase Clinic to fund homeless outreach supplies and in-clinic expenses.

BACKGROUND

The Suitcase Clinic is a UC Berkeley student organization and volunteer community that offers free health and social services to underserved populations, including unhoused Berkeley residents. It also strives to educate students, engage in community organization, and support public policy efforts that address homelessness in the local community. Their volunteers provide weekly services such as haircutting, footwashing, wellness activities, and more while outside partners provide professional services such as medical, psychiatry, and chiropractic.

The Suitcase Clinic is raising funds to allow them to continue providing supplies and resources to the unhoused community, including:

- Street/encampment outreach supplies: solar panels and power banks, charging cables, hygiene supplies (floss, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, etc.), sleeping pads, sleeping bags, tents, vitamins, over-the-counter medications such as ibuprofen, first aid supplies (band-aids, bandages, neosporin, antibacterial wipes, etc.), and clothing.
- In-clinic expenses: supplies to support our weekly Haircutting, Footwashing, Health Ed, Food Security, Housing/Legal, Massage, and Wellness services.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No General Fund impact; \$500 is available from Councilmember Robinson's Office Budget discretionary account.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

No impact.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE
EXPENSE ACCOUNTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS FOR A GRANT
TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SERVICES FOR A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC PURPOSE

WHEREAS, Councilmember Rigel Robinson has surplus funds in his office expenditure account; and

WHEREAS, a California non-profit tax-exempt corporation, the Suitcase Clinic, seeks funds in the amount of \$500 to continue providing material supplies, services, and resources to the Berkeley unhoused community; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such funds would fulfill the municipal public purpose of allowing all Berkeley residents, regardless of their means, to have access to basic supplies and services that are fundamentally necessary for human dignity.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the \$500 relinquished by Councilmember Robinson from his Council Office Budget and any other Councilmember who wishes to contribute shall be granted to the Suitcase Clinic to fund their outreach work.

