



Office of the Mayor

CONSENT CALENDAR
September 13, 2022

To: Honorable Members of the City Council

From: Mayor Jesse Arreguín, Councilmember Rigel Robinson, and Councilmember Sophie Hahn

Subject: Pacific Center for Human Growth: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Funds

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$1,000 per Councilmember including \$1,000 from Mayor Arreguin to the Pacific Center for Human Growth, for the planning and production of a historical quilt to honor their 50th anniversary. Funds would be relinquished to the City's General Fund for this purpose from the discretionary Council Office Budgets of Mayor Arreguin and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.

BACKGROUND

Founded in 1973, the Pacific Center for Human Growth has served the Bay Area's LGBT+ community for almost 50 years. It is the oldest LGBT+ center in the Bay Area, and third oldest in the nation. The Pacific Center works to enhance the mental health and overall well being of its clients and LGBT+ community by providing support groups, community outreach, facilitated workshops, and culturally responsive therapy. Their programs aim to counter the social and institutional experiences of homophobia, ageism, misogyny, and racism.

The City of Berkeley has an existing partnership with the Pacific Center. In 2010, to better serve individuals in underserved populations who have been exposed to trauma, the City signed a contract with the Pacific Center. Through this, the Mental Health Division partners with the Pacific Center to provide trauma support services to the LBGT+ population. This contract continues today, which was last extended in July 2022.

To commemorate their 50th anniversary in the spring of 2023, the Pacific Center plans on creating a historical quilt. A local artist will design the quilt using testimonies from community members on how the Pacific Center has supported them. These stories will be presented visually on the quilt, which will create a sense of community and connectedness. To make this project happen, the Pacific Center is requesting \$3,500, which will be used for labor, materials, and related expenses (details in Attachment 2).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No General Fund impact; \$1,000 is available from Mayor Arreguín's Council Office Budget discretionary account.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

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

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Attachments:

- 1: Resolution
- 2: Description of 50th Anniversary Quilt Project

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, Mayor Jesse Arreguin has surplus funds in his office expenditure account; and

WHEREAS, a California non-profit tax exempt corporation, the Pacific Center for Human Growth seeks funds in the amount of \$3500 to provide the following public services; to develop a historical quilt to commemorate their 50th anniversary, which will feature personal stories and testimonies about how the Pacific Center has meant to them; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such services would fulfill the following municipal public purpose of creating a sense of community and connectedness and advancing their causes of improving mental health in the LGBT+ community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that funds relinquished by the Mayor and Councilmembers from their Council Office Budget up to \$1,000 per office shall be granted to the Pacific Center for Human Growth.



Pacific Center for Human Growth: Honoring 50 Years Building LGBTQIA+ Community Wellness

Pacific Center for Human Growth (“PC”) is thrilled to celebrate 50 years of building community wellness for the East San Francisco Bay Area’s diverse LGBTQIA+ communities. The Pacific Center is the oldest LGBTQIA+ community center in the Bay Area and the third oldest in the nation.

Pacific Center requests a one time project support grant of \$3,500 from the City of Berkeley to support the planning and production of a historical quilt to honor our “golden” (50th) anniversary in spring 2023.

The vision for a historical quilt emerged from a local artist who approached Pacific Center to offer their vision of a collaborative project that will engage LGBTQIA+ community members in sharing their personal stories and testimonies about what Pacific Center has meant to them. Using a variety of media, the artist will facilitate a series of online or socially distanced workshops to support participants to tell their stories in a visual form.

Rooted in the East San Francisco Bay Area, we serve LGBTQIA+ community members from age nine through senior adulthood. Our peer groups, clinical program, training, and outreach activities positively impact a broad spectrum of LGBTQIA+ community members across age, race/ethnicity, and gender identities.

For 49 years, PC has provided accessible, culturally responsive mental health services and peer-driven community engagement programs. Our programs serve to counter the social and institutional experiences of homophobia, ageism, misogyny, and racism which present ongoing challenges to the wellbeing of LGBTQIA+/BIPOC community members.

The collaborative process inherent to the quilt project will increase participants’ sense of connectedness, decrease isolation, and create a legacy project to be enjoyed by many for decades to come.

Project Budget

A one-time project grant of \$3,500 will enable Pacific Center to purchase materials, compensate the labor of a Project Coordinator for 100 hours of work at a living wage of \$25.00 per hour, and cover overhead expenses.

Expense	Total	Details
Labor	\$ 2,500.00	Project Coordinator at 100 Hours x \$25.00 hour
Materials	\$ 500.00	Fabric, paper, ink, paint, other
Overhead	\$ 500.00	Technology platforms supporting safe and accessible meetings including Zoom, Google Workspace, Rev Live Captions
TOTAL REQUEST	\$ 3,500.00	