



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
March 21, 2023

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: Contract No. 32200156 Amendment: Options Recovery Services for  
 Community Crisis Response Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No. 32200156 with Options Recovery Services (Options) to add \$561,917.11 and extend the term of the Community Crisis Response Services to December 31, 2023 with a not to exceed amount of \$1,201,917.11.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

This amendment will add \$561,917.11 in additional ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery grant funds resulting in a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,201,917.11. Funding for the Options Recovery Services contract will be recommended for appropriation through the second amendment to the FY 2023 Appropriation Ordinance in the ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery grant (Fund 354).

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Options community crisis response services were initiated to respond to needs identified through the Specialized Care Unit (SCU) planning process. This amendment will add additional American Rescue Plan Act funding to extend the Options Recovery Services program. Originally, this program was going to end on December 31, 2022, but the SUD outreach services continue to be effective and well-received by the community. Concurrently, the Specialized Care Unit (SCU) has moved out of the design phase, and into early implementation, however, the SCU is still hiring staff and finalizing logistics, making the extension and continuity of these bridge services crucial to serve this population in need.

Amending the Options contract is a Strategic Plan Priority Project, advancing our goal to champion and demonstrate social and racial equity. The additional funds will allow the Options Recovery Services outreach team to extend their contract term to December 31, 2023 which will provide continued substance use disorder (SUD) outreach and resource linkages for individuals experiencing SUD issues in the Berkeley community. Options' contract began on January 1, 2022. This added funding and time will allow

Options to continue working with and leverage existing trust to provide necessary resources to community members with SUD.

### BACKGROUND

As part of the Re-Imagining Public Safety process, the City has been engaged in planning for a Specialized Care Unit (SCU) that will ultimately become a 24/7 mobile unit designed to respond to and support people who are experiencing a mental health or substance abuse crisis without direct involvement with the police. The SCU is starting its implementation phase, with the intention to roll out by Summer 2023 with the contracted provider, Bonita House.

While this process and foundational work is taking place, there are immediate needs to strengthen non-police relationships and supports on the ground for individuals on the verge of crisis. Therefore, on June 29, 2021, Berkeley City Council allocated up to \$1,200,000 in the FY 2022 budget from the American Rescue Plan in support of services (Community Crisis Response [CCR]), which will provide such supports until the SCU can be implemented. \$640,000 of this allocated American Rescue Plan Act funding was awarded to Options Recovery Services to provide SUD outreach services.

To date, Options Recovery Services has been providing these community crisis response services by hiring and implementing substance use disorder (SUD) outreach teams who have been providing outreach services to various homeless encampments and individuals in need across the City of Berkeley. During their outreach, the Options staff have been able to connect community members to various resources for housing navigation, sobering centers, and treatment.

### 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

The additional funding identified will allow for additional services from a trusted outreach team to be provided to Berkeley community members experiencing SUD.

### ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

These services could be provided by alternate outreach teams, but this is not recommended given the trust with community that the Options team has been able to build throughout 2022 and into 2023.

### CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1. Resolution

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

CONTRACT NO. 32200156 AMENDMENT: OPTIONS RECOVERY SERVICES FOR  
COMMUNITY CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES

WHEREAS, Contract #32200156 was awarded to Options Recovery Services to provide community crisis response services by providing outreach to community members with substance use disorder (SUD); and

WHEREAS, through Contract #32200156 Options Recovery Services has successfully staffed and implemented their program to provide outreach services and resource linkages to Berkeley community members experiencing SUD; and

WHEREAS, \$561,917.11 was allocated to support an extension of the contract and to allow this SUD outreach to continue; and

WHEREAS, Options Recovery Services is the most qualified provider to receive the additional funding to provide continued SUD outreach services to the Berkeley community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to amend Contract No. 32200156 with Options Recovery Services to add \$561,917.11 and extend the term of the Community Crisis Response Services for SUD outreach to December 31, 2023 with a not to exceed amount of \$1,201,917.11. Funding is available in the FY2023 budget in the ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery grant (Fund 354).

