

Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR November 28, 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: Revenue Grant Agreement: Funding Support from Alameda County to

Provide Public Health Nursing Services for Foster Care Children/Youth

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to submit a grant agreement to Alameda County, to accept the grant, and execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments to provide public health nursing services for the Alameda County Foster Care Program, Services to Enhance Early Development (SEED) in the projected total amount of \$673,179 for July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The City of Berkeley will receive funds in the estimated total amount of \$673,179 from Alameda County for the period FY 2024 through FY 2026, receiving \$224,393 for each fiscal year. The contract will be assigned a contract number and the revenue deposited in Fund 326 (Health Fund). \$224,393 will be recommended for appropriation through the second amendment in the FY2024 Appropriations Ordinance in the Health Fund (Fund 326). Funding in the amount of \$224,393 per fiscal year will be subject to appropriation in the FY2025 through FY2026 budgets in the Health Fund (Fund 326) for a projected total amount \$673,179 for July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026.

Spending of these grant funds is subject to Council approval of the budget and the Annual Appropriations Ordinances each fiscal year. There is no local match required for this grant.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

As a local health jurisdiction, the City of Berkeley provides a broad range of public health program services to the community, with the goals of addressing health inequities, promoting healthy environments and behaviors, protecting residents from disease, and preventing illness, disability, and premature death.

The Foster Care grant serves a specific purpose in the Department's work towards improving the health of our community. The Foster Care Program, which includes Early

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Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) services, assures access to complete health assessments for the early detection and prevention of disease and disabilities for low-income children and youth in the foster care system. The County Foster Care grant is a long standing multidisciplinary collaborative partnership through the County Department of Children and Family Services and Public Health Nursing (PHN). Public Health Nursing services include health consultation, service provision, liaison services and the creating and keeping of medical passports/records for the children/youth in the PHN's caseload.

BACKGROUND

The City of Berkeley receives funding from many sources annually to complete work related to improving the health of the community. As a local health jurisdiction, the City is entitled to specific funding from Alameda County to meet core public health objectives. The Division is committed to providing essential services to the community to prevent the spread of disease and to promote healthy environments.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

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

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

These funds support vital services related to our mandates as a public health jurisdiction and local initiatives designed to address health inequities in Berkeley and improve the health of Berkeley residents. This non-competitive grant supports the Department's mission and provides the City with funding to continue working to protect and improve the health of the community.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Staff did not identify an alternative action consistent with the City's goals of advancing public health and social and racial equity.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1. Resolution

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

GRANT AGREEMENT WITH ALAMEDA COUNTY FOR THE FOSTER CARE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICES FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE PROGRAMMING

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley Department of Health, Housing & Community Services, Public Health Division (HHCS/ PHD), is committed to assuring access to complete health assessments for the early detection and prevention of disease and disabilities for low-income children and youth including children in the foster care system; and

WHEREAS, HHCS provides a broad range of needed public health program services to the community; and

WHEREAS, HHCS works to promote healthy environments and behaviors, protect residents from disease, and prevent illness, disability, and premature death; and

WHEREAS, HHCS seeks to achieve health equity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley should seek outside funding wherever possible to fund vital health services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or her designee is hereby authorized to accept Alameda County funding for fiscal years 2024 through 2026 for the Foster Care Program, Services to Enhance Early Development (SEED): to provide Public Health Nursing services for low-income children and youth including children in the foster care system; execute any resultant revenue agreements; and conduct the services and appropriation of funding in the estimated amount of \$673,179 for July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026 for related expenses. A record signature copy of said agreements and any amendments shall be on file in the office of the City Clerk.