



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
March 26, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: Margot Ernst, Interim Deputy Director, Health, Housing, and Community Services
Subject: Contract No. 31900225 Amendment: LifeLong Medical Care to fund No Place Like Home (NPLH) supportive services at Maudelle Miller Shirek

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to execute an amendment to Contract No. 31900225 with LifeLong Medical Care (LLMC) to add \$15,300 to provide No Place Like Home (NPLH) tenancy sustaining services at Maudelle Miller Shirek for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,873,947.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

On June 27, 2023, City Council allocated funding for supportive services to support new NPLH units in Berkeley, which included funding for this project. The FY24 amount, \$15,300, is prorated at 25% to cover services needed from April-June 2024. The annual amount, \$61,200, will be included in the FY25 Measure P, Fund 011, Program Code-5002, staff recommendations.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Maudelle Miller Shirek Community Project is nearly complete and the lease up process is expected to start in April. Resources for Community Development has identified LLMC to provide the NPLH tenancy sustaining services at this location. Tenants for the NPLH units will be selected through the Countywide Coordinated Entry System (CES), which will prioritize people who are homeless and have a qualifying mental health disability. LifeLong Medical Care will provide a range of supportive services which may include the following depending on tenant needs: case management; clinical mental health services, such as assessment, crisis counseling, individual and group therapy; referrals to substance use services, such as treatment, relapse prevention, and peer support groups; support in linking to physical health care, including access to routine and preventive health and dental care, medication management, and wellness services; and basic housing retention skills (such as unit maintenance and upkeep, cooking, laundry, and money management).

BACKGROUND

On December 10, 2019, Council adopted Resolution No. 69,212-N.S. authorizing the City Manager to submit a joint application for Maudelle Miller Shirek Community Project to access State of California No Place Like Home Program funds. The No Place Like Home program provides capital and operating funds to permanent supportive housing projects that serve formerly homeless individuals with mental health disabilities. The joint application required the City to provide or pay for mental health services to tenants of the twelve NPLH units. Berkeley Mental Health provides mental health services to qualifying people with serious mental illness who reside in Berkeley. However, some tenants in NPLH units are expected not to meet BMH criteria for services. To meet the State's requirement, City Council allocated Measure P funds to cover services provided by a community agency.

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

Resources for Community Development selected LLMC as its preferred on-site provider. LifeLong Medical Care is RCD's preferred provider because of its long-standing partnership, its experience in providing high quality supportive services in a supportive housing setting to tenants who are formerly homeless or have been identified as chronically homeless, and its designation as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) which enables it to leverage other LLMC services including primary medical care, mental health clinical services, and dental health services.

Lifelong Medical Care has been providing services at eight RCD properties including two permanent supportive housing projects in Berkeley. They have experience collaborating with RCD's onsite property management team and RCD's Associate Director of Resident Services, who provides oversight of all of RCD's buildings. These reasons distinguish LLMC from other services providers in the area.

In addition, the City currently funds LLMC to provide support services at two permanent supportive housing projects in Berkeley and is supportive of RCD's selection of LLMC to provide services at this location.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The City could release a Request for Proposals for supportive services at this location. However, given RCD's selection of LLMC based on its experience with LLMC for more than a decade and LLMC's unique position as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and its ability to leverage additional health related services, the City recommends funding LLMC as the supportive services provider at this location.

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to fund No Place Like Home (NPLH) supportive services at Maudelle Miller Shirek

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Attachment:
1: Resolution

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

CONTRACT NO. 31900225 AMENDMENT: LIFELONG MEDICAL CARE

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley (City) awarded a total of \$17 million in predevelopment and development funding to Resources for Community Development (RCD) to support for the development of Maudelle Miller Shirek Community at 2001 Ashby Avenue (contract numbers 32000049 and 32200134) as authorized by Resolution No. 68,824-N.S. (adopted on April 23, 2019), Resolution No. 69,163-N.S. (adopted on October 29, 2019), and Resolution No. 69,231-N.S. (adopted on December 10, 2019); and

WHEREAS, City Council authorized a joint application with RCD for the State of California's No Place Like Home (NPLH) program on December 10, 2019 with Resolution No. 69,212-N.S.; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley and RCD submitted a joint NPLH application for Maudelle Miller Shirek Community on January 8, 2020 and were awarded funding on June 26, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the joint NPLH application required that the City will make mental health supportive services available to each project's NPLH tenants for at least 20 years;

WHEREAS, the Maudelle Miller Shirek Community will include 12 NPLH units and is expected to begin the lease up process in April 2024; and

WHEREAS, Resources for Community Development (RCD) has selected LifeLong Medical Care (LLMC) as its preferred provider to provide services to NPLH tenants based on its 14-year partnership and experience with LLMC providing high quality supportive services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager or her designee is hereby authorized to execute an amendment for Contract No. 31900225, with LifeLong Medical to add \$15,300 for a total contract not to exceed amount of \$2,873,947 for the purpose of providing NPLH supportive services at Maudelle Miller Shirek Community Project; and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that a payment of \$15,300 will be advanced to cover staffing costs that will be accrued while executing the amendment; and

BE IT FURHTER RESOLVED that a record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the City Clerk Department.