

**CITY OF OAKLAND**  
**AGENDA REPORT**

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**To:** Office of the City Administrator  
**Attn:** Deborah Edgerly  
**From:** Department of Human Services  
**Date:** September 25, 2007

**Re: Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator To Execute A Two-Year Grant Agreement With Family Bridges, Inc. To Fund Their Programs And Operations At The Hong Lok Senior Center For Fiscal Years 2007-2008 And 2008-2009 In An Amount Not To Exceed \$200,000**

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**SUMMARY**

The Resolution will authorize a two-year grant agreement between the City of Oakland and Family Bridges, Inc. to operate the Hong Lok Senior Center in the City's Chinatown District. The Department of Human Services will oversee the grant agreement.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funding for this grant agreement is included in the policy budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2009. The funds in the amount of \$100,000 annually are budgeted in General Purpose Fund (1010), Senior Center Organization (75631), and Hong Lok (Family Bridges) Project (P200410).

**BACKGROUND**

The City of Oakland's Comprehensive Plan for Seniors, originally developed in 1987, recommended that the City provide additional services to elderly groups with special needs, including diverse populations. The Plan also recommended that the City should develop and support a network of senior centers. The City Council responded to these recommendations, and to the needs of seniors in the Chinatown neighborhood, by authorizing funds in the 2003-2005 and 2005-2007 policy budgets budget for the Hong Lok Senior Center to serve seniors residing in the Chinatown community

Prior year grant agreements have included specific deliverables such as 12 special events each year, voter education activities, and classes in computers and English literacy. In all prior years the grantee, Family Bridges, Inc., has met all requirements and deliverables. The Center serves more than 500 seniors each year, and in addition to providing classes and social events the Center serves as the site of a daily subsidized hot lunch.

In keeping with Council Goal #3A, "Provide effective community programs for seniors, youth, and people with disabilities", the Department of Human Services' Adopted Budget for 2007-2009 includes an annual appropriation of \$100,000 to provide operational support to the Hong Lok Senior Center. This funding continues the original funding agreement between the City and Family Bridges, Inc., whereby the City Council agreed to provide direct support for the Hong

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Lok Senior Center in order to address the needs of the growing monolingual Asian and Southeast Asian senior population.

Family Bridges, Inc. continues to demonstrate effective operation of the Hong Lok Senior Center, and the Center continues to meet the needs of the community; therefore the Department of Human Services requests that funding for Family Bridges, Inc. and the Hong Lok Senior Center be approved by the City Council.

### **KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS**

Establishment of the City contribution to the Hong Lok Senior Center in the most recent biennial budget has allowed the Center to involve monolingual seniors of Asian ancestry in a number of meaningful recreational and educational activities. Courses and instruction available include computer classes, English language classes, and naturalization classes.

The Hong Lok Senior Center has conducted outreach to local Asian seniors through presentations at senior housing facilities and to senior service workers. In 2005 the Hong Lok Senior Center and the Family Bridges, Inc. developed a partnership with the Seton Senior Center – now named Vietnamese American Senior Services of the East Bay - to develop programs targeting the needs of Oakland’s Laotian and Cambodian senior populations.

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The Family Bridges, Inc. organization has operated a Center at 275 7th Street, in a building in the historic “Chinese Zodiac Garden” for more than 12 years. The property leaseholder, The Chinatown Lions Club, provides the site and building to Family Bridges, Inc. at no cost, except that Family Bridges, Inc. has agreed to pay the costs of utilities and building maintenance. The Lions Club leases this property from the Oakland Office of Parks and Recreation.

The Hong Lok Senior Center provides social and recreational services to local seniors at no charge, as well as a daily hot lunch for a contribution of \$2.75. Activities include trips to local historic and shopping venues, exercise classes including Tai Chi and Yoga, health education classes, internet and computer classes, and translation to assist seniors in accessing other local services.

### **SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES**

**ECONOMIC :** This grant agreement is with a local vendor. The vendor adheres to the City’s Living Wage Ordinance.

**ENVIRONMENTAL:** The vendor provides transportation for populations that cannot use public transportation and do not have access to private vehicles.

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**SOCIAL EQUITY:** Vendor gives many senior residents access to education, nutrition and social services that might not otherwise be available in their community. Access to these programs and services will improve the quality of life for Oakland senior citizens who participate in the Hong Lok Senior Center.

**DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS**

This resolution authorizes a grant that will support access to necessary services for Oakland's elderly Asian populations. The Family Bridges, Inc. organization has a history of establishing and ensuring access to services for people with disabilities and senior citizens.

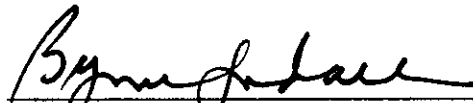
**RECOMMENDATION(S) AND RATIONALE**

Staff recommends that a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to execute a two-year grant agreement with Family Bridges, Inc. to operate the Hong Lok Senior Center for Fiscal Years 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 in the amount not to exceed \$200,000.

**ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

That the City Council approve this resolution authorizing the City Administrator to execute a two-year grant agreement with Family Bridges, Inc. to fund their programs and operations at the Hong Lok Senior Center for fiscal years 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

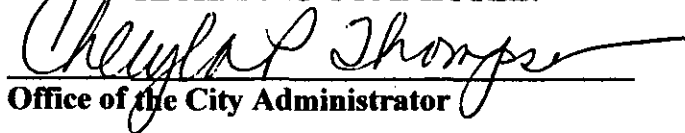
Respectfully submitted,



ANDREA YOUNGDAHL  
Director, Department of Human Services

Prepared by:  
Tracy Jensen, Senior Services Administrator

**APPROVED FOR FORWARDING TO THE  
LIFE ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE:**

  
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RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

*Margaret Anjich*

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A TWO-YEAR GRANT AGREEMENT WITH FAMILY BRIDGES, INC. TO FUND ITS PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS AT THE HONG LOK SENIOR CENTER FOR FISCAL YEARS 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has expressed support for the activities and programs provided by the Hong Lok Senior Center located at 275 7<sup>th</sup> Street in the City's Chinatown neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Policy Budget for 2007-2009 includes funding to support operation of the Hong Lok Senior Center in the General Purpose Fund (1010), Senior Center Organization (75631), and Hong Lok Senior Center Project (P2000410); and

**WHEREAS**, the Family Bridges, Inc. organization has a history of successfully operating the Hong Lok Senior Center to meet the needs of the Asian community's senior population; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the Department of Human Services is authorized to execute a grant agreement to the Family Bridges, Inc. organization in the amount of \$100,000 for fiscal year 2007-2008 and \$100,000 for fiscal year 2008-2009 to support the programs and activities of the Hong Lok Senior Center, and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Council finds that the performance of this service is in the public interest because of economy or better performance and shall not result in the loss of employment or salary by any person having permanent status in the competitive service.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
LA TONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
of the City of Oakland, California