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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Sabrina B. Landreth
City Administrator

FROM: Sara Bedford
Director, Human Services

SUBJECT: FY 2017-2018 Oakland Path
Rehousing Initiative (OPRI)

DATE: JUNE 12, 2017

City Administrator Approval

Date:

6/28/17

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends That The City Council Adopt A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator To Enter Into An Agreement With The Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) And Accept Funds In The Amount Of \$1,926,218 Fiscal Year 2017-2018 To Continue Implementing The Oakland Path Re-Housing Initiative (OPRI); And 2) Enter Into Grant Agreements With Abode Services In An Amount Not To Exceed \$1,645,168 And First Place For Youth In An Amount Not To Exceed \$281,050 For The Provision Of Permanent Housing And Support Services For Fiscal Year 2017-2018; And 3) Accept And Appropriate Additional Funds That Become Available From OHA Within the Grant Term For Fiscal Year 2017-2018 And Amend The Grant Agreements To Adjust The Grant Amounts Without Returning To Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Adoption of this resolution will authorize the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with OHA in order to receive Oakland PATH Re-Housing Initiative (OPRI) funds in the amount of \$1,926,218 for fiscal year 2017-2018; appropriate said funds, and enter into grant agreements with two services providers for the provision of permanent housing and support services under the OPRI program for fiscal years 2017-2018. Such adoption would ensure level, if not greater service for the OPRI program serving at least 125 homeless and near homeless individuals, with services and housing.

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Pursuant to City Council Resolution No. 85583 C.M.S. adopted February 26, 2015, the City Council authorized the continued implementation of OPRI and grant agreements with ABODE Services and First Place for Youth. The OPRI strategy begun in 2010, has successfully housed more than 224 formerly homeless Oakland residents with subsidies provided by the OHA, and services and program administration provided by service providers under contracts with the City of Oakland. OPRI assists individuals who are homeless living in encampments or on the streets, youth 18-24 who are exiting the foster care or juvenile justice systems, and young adults ages

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18-35, who are at high risk of being perpetrators or victims of violence and who are literally homeless, imminently homeless or unstably housed.

This City uses the OPRI funds to enter into grant agreements with service providers. Both agencies are nonprofit organizations with experience in the provision of housing and supportive services in the community. First Place for Youth provides services to the youth and Abode Services assists adults and families. During fiscal year 2016-2017 the OPRI program began a new process called Step Down. This process allows those individuals who have been successful in the program to "step down" their level of intensive case management and receive an OHA Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) for rental subsidy. There were nine individuals referred into Step Down during the fiscal year 2016-2017. This has opened more spots for new clients to become enrolled in the Classic OPRI with intensive case management and rental subsidy.

The City selected the two providers through a Request for Proposal process which solicited proposals from agencies on the provision of housing and supportive services to homeless youth and adults.

ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES

Many individuals being assisted by the OPRI Program are coming from encampments or directly from the street. Per newly released 2017 Alameda County, Every One Counts, Homeless Point-In-Time Count and Survey Data there are 1,902 unsheltered individuals in the City of Oakland and it is predicted that the encampment population will continue to grow as housing costs escalate. The OPRI Program has slots designated specifically for clients coming from encampments including slots designated for people from encampments and with a serious mental illness.

The City has been a strong partner with Alameda County in the development of a Coordinated Entry System for homeless services. Coordinated Entry is a standardized method to connect people experiencing homelessness to the resources available in a community. Coordinated entry processes help communities prioritize housing assistance based on vulnerability and the severity of housing barriers to ensure that people who need assistance the most receive it in a timely manner. Once the County Coordinated Entry System is launched, the encampment and mental health designated OPRI slots will be filled by this system, ensuring that those most in need will continue to be prioritized for OPRI support.

Oakland will continue to receive \$1,926,218 in OHA funds for housing services, leveraged with services dollars from our OPRI Partners. The Oakland Housing Authority funds provides the rental subsidies, City of Oakland and other leveraged dollars provides the support services. Leveraged service dollars include Oakland Unite case management dollars thereby providing critical housing support to individuals involved in gun violence. The OPRI program will continue to deliver housing, targeted services and subsidies for persons living in encampments or on the streets, youth 18-24 who are exiting the foster care or juvenile justice systems and young adults ages 18-35, who are at high risk of being perpetrators or victims of violence. The program's ultimate goal remains to assist these populations in obtaining stable housing and to provide the resources necessary to maintain housing.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this resolution authorizes the acceptance of \$1,926,218 from OHA. The adopted FY2017-2019 Budget includes funding in the amount of \$1,306,866 from the OHA grant and is appropriated in the HUD-ESG/SHP/HOPWA Fund (2103), Community Housing Services Org (78411), OPRI OHA FY1718 Project (TBD), and Fostering Safe and Healthy Communities Program (SC22). Approval of this resolution authorizes the City Administrator to adjust the appropriation to the actual grant award from OHA. These funds will be used for housing subsidies.

Funding will be allocated toward grant agreements up to the following amounts to the agencies listed below for Oakland PATH Rehousing Initiative (OPRI). However, the proposed resolution also authorizes the City Administrator to amend the grant agreements by adjusting the amounts without returning to Council, with the condition that the combined total of the grant agreements does not exceed the OHA grant amount.

Source of Funding:

Oakland Housing Authority Award Sources			
PROJECT	AMOUNT		GRANTEE
OPRI	\$1,645,168		ABODE Services
OPRI	\$281,050		First Place for Youth
TOTAL OPRI CONTRACTS	\$1,926,218		

Furthermore, if additional grant funding becomes available from OHA, for the same purpose, within the existing grant term, staff is seeking authorization to accept funds and amend the grant agreements with ABODE Services and First Place for Youth up to the OHA grant amount without returning to Council within the duration of the grant term (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018).

PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST

This report did not require public outreach other than the posting on the City's website.

COORDINATION

Coordination has occurred between the Human Services Department (HSD), the Office of the City Attorney, Controller's Bureau and Oakland Housing Authority in the preparation of this report and resolution.

PAST PERFORMANCE, EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

Begun in 2010, the Oakland PATH Rehousing Initiative (OPRI) has successfully housed more than 224 formerly homeless Oakland residents with subsidies provided by the Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) and services and program administration contracted by the City of Oakland.

Encampment Referred:	46
BHCS Encampment Referred:	23
Reentry Referred:	54
Senior Shelter Referred:	13
Households with Children:	3
Homeless Youth:	85
Grant To Date Total as of June 30, 2016	224

For a review period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, agencies recommended for OPRI funding under this report have exceeded expected outcomes and performance measures. Approval of this report and resolution will ensure level, if not greater success compared to 2015-2016 outcomes references below, for the OPRI Program.

Performance during the program/fiscal year 2015-2016:

- 122 households received housing subsidies in the program/fiscal year 2015-2016.
- 97 percent of households placed have been housed for more than six months, 91 percent for a year or more, and 74 percent for three years or more.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: All funds identified in this report are for the purpose of providing housing and services to the homeless to eliminate and prevent homelessness. Such outcomes are achieved through rapid rehousing assistance, homeless encampment services, outreach and the like.

Environmental: The provision of permanent housing and support services is intended to address the environmental degradation caused by homeless individuals precariously housed or living on the streets.

Social Equity: The expenditure of these funds is targeted to the most vulnerable and at-risk populations in this City and is providing essential and basic human services, housing and support.

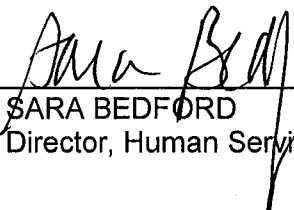
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ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with the Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) and accept funds in the amount of \$1,926,218 for fiscal year 2017-2018 to continue implementing the Oakland Path Rehousing Initiative (OPRI); and 2) enter into grant agreements with Abode Services in an amount not to exceed \$1,645,168 and First Place For Youth in an amount not to exceed \$281,050 for the provision of permanent housing and support services under OPRI for Fiscal year 2017-2018; and 3) accept and accept additional funds that become available from OHA within the grant term for Fiscal Year 2017-2018; and amend the grant agreements to adjust the grant amounts without returning to council

For questions regarding this report, please contact Lara Tannenbaum, Acting Community Housing Services Manager, at 238-6187.

Respectfully submitted,



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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO

- 1) ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OAKLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY (OHA) AND ACCEPT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,926,218 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 TO CONTINUE IMPLEMENTING THE OAKLAND PATH RE HOUSING INITIATIVE (OPRI); AND
- 2) ENTER INTO GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH ABODE SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,645,168 AND FIRST PLACE FOR YOUTH IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$281,050 FOR THE PROVISION OF PERMANENT HOUSING AND SUPPORT SERVICES UNDER OPRI FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018; AND
- 3) ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS THAT BECOME AVAILABLE FROM OHA WITHIN THE GRANT TERM; AND AMEND THE GRANT AGREEMENTS TO ADJUST THE GRANT AMOUNTS WITHOUT RETURNING TO COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Oakland City Council Resolution No. 79923 C.M.S., passed on May 30, 2006 authorizes the development and implementation of the City of Oakland's Permanent Access To Housing (PATH) Strategy to end homelessness; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the PATH strategy, the Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) has partnered with the City since July 2010, to implement the Oakland PATH Re-Housing Initiative (OPRI) to fund rental housing subsidies for homeless individuals living in encampments or on the streets, youths exiting foster care or juvenile justice and young adults who are at high risk of being perpetrators or victims of violence; and

WHEREAS, to implement OPRI the City of Oakland enters into grant agreements with Abode Services and First Place for Youth which provide housing and support services to homeless adults, and transition aged youth under the OPRI program; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to execute a grant agreement with Abode Services in the amount of \$1,645,168 for housing search and placement, annual housing inspections, and landlord/tenant mediations to homeless adults for Fiscal Year 2017-2018; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to execute a grant agreement with First Place for Youth in the amount of \$281,050 for housing search and placement, annual housing inspections, and landlord/tenant mediations to transition aged-youth for Fiscal Year 2017-2018; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with OHA for the implementation of OPRI for Fiscal Year 2017-2018; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to accept OHA Sponsor Based Housing Assistance Program funds in the amount of \$1,926,218 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and amend the appropriation of \$1,306,866 that is included in the Adopted FY2017-2019 Budget in the HUD-ESG/SHP/HOPWA Fund (2103), Community Housing Services Org (78411), OPRI OHA FY1718 Project (TBD), and Fostering Safe and Healthy Communities Program (SC22); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to increase these appropriations, within the duration of the grant term (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018), depending on the exact OHA award without returning to Council; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with Abode Services in an amount not to exceed \$1,645,168 for housing search and placement, housing subsidies, annual housing inspections, and landlord/tenant mediations for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and to adjust the grant amount depending on the exact OHA award; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with First Place for Youth in an amount not to exceed \$281,050 for housing search and placement, annual housing inspections, and landlord/tenant mediations for fiscal year 2017-2018, and to adjust the grant amount depending on the exact OHA award; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to amend the grant agreements with Abode Services and First Place for Youth to adjust the grant amounts, while keeping the combined total of the grant agreements limited to the total OHA grant, without returning to Council; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to accept and appropriate additional funds that become available from OHA for the OPRI program during the grant term of FY 2017-2018 and amend the aforementioned grant agreements to increase the grant amounts up to the OHA grant amount; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to negotiate, submit and execute all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, contracts, grant agreements, amendments, payment requests, reports, and related actions for the completion of these programs for Fiscal Years 2017-2018 without returning to Council; and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the above agreements shall be reviewed and approved by the Office of the City Attorney for form and legality and placed on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES -

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California