

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

**INTRODUCED BY MAYOR SHENG THAO AND
THE ECONOMIC & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

A RESOLUTION (1) ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A COMMUNITY RESPONSE INITIATIVE TO STRENGTHEN EMERGENCY SERVICES ACT (CRISES ACT) GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE DOLLARS (\$3,558,991) AWARDED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; AND (2) AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH FAMILY BRIDGES, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE DOLLARS (\$3,558,991) TO PROVIDE CRISIS RESPONSE AND COMMUNITY MEDIATOR SERVICES THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2026, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CRISES ACT GRANT PILOT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, in accordance with Assembly Bill 118, the Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems Act (CRISES Act), the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) announced the CRISES Act Grant Pilot Program and the statewide administration of \$9.5 million in grant-making funds for community-based organizations to prop up emergency response pilots; and

WHEREAS, following a public solicitation process, the City of Oakland completed an application for the CRISES Act Grant Pilot Program in partnership with Family Bridges, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Family Bridges has served Oakland residents since 1968 and began its Community Ambassador program in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Family Bridges has a strong track record of supporting homeless individuals on their paths to stable housing and employment, deescalating violent incidents, and promoting a welcoming and safe environment; and

WHEREAS, CDSS has selected the City of Oakland as one of its grantees to pursue the pilot program outlined in the City's application with Family Bridges; and

WHEREAS, under the pilot program, Family Bridges will be providing crisis response, community mediator services, housing navigation, and community engagement services in Oakland’s Chinatown and Downtown, as well as parts of Jack London Square, Little Saigon, and Lake Merritt; and

WHEREAS, all grant awards made from money or funds donated, given or granted to the City from any public or private source shall be approved by the City Council regardless of the amount of grant award pursuant to Section 2.07.020 of the Oakland Municipal Code; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby accepts and appropriates a Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems Act (CRISES Act) Grant in an amount not to exceed Three Million Five Hundred and Fifty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-One Dollars (\$3,558,991) awarded by CDSS; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That said funds will be appropriated to Other State of California Grant Fund (2159), Economic Development Organization (85411), in a Project to-be-determined (TBD); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or their designee is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute into a grant agreement with Family Bridges, Inc. in an amount not to exceed Three Million Five Hundred And Fifty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-One Dollars (\$3,558,991) to provide crisis response and community mediator services through August 31, 2026, in accordance with the CRISES ACT Grant Pilot Program; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That should additional funds be received from the grantor CDSS, within the existing grant term, the City Administrator or their designee is hereby authorized to accept and appropriate the grant funds for the same purpose through August 31, 2026; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or their designee is hereby authorized to conduct all negotiation, execute and submit all CDSS contracts, agreements, memoranda of understanding, amendments, and other documents, including all exhibits and assurances contained therein, and any amendments thereto, and to sign subsequent required fiscal and programmatic reports, and to perform any and all responsibilities in relationship to the CRISES ACT Grant Pilot Program, which may be necessary to accept and appropriate the CRISES ACT Grant; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is authorized to modify, extend or amend the grant agreements without increasing the amount of the grant awards.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, JENKINS, KALB, KAPLAN, RAMACHANDRAN, REID, AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California