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AGENDA REPORT

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To: Office of the City Administrator
Attn: Dan Lindheim
From: Oakland Police Department
Date: November 10, 2009

Re: A Report and Proposed Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator To Enter Into A Grant Agreement With the Child Abuse Listening, Interviewing, And Coordination Center (CALICO) For Amount Not To Exceed Twenty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$22,500), For the Period of July 1, 2009 Through June 30, 2010, To Provide Forensic Interviews, Multi-Disciplinary Child Abuse Investigations, Family Support Services, Community Outreach, And Training To The Oakland Police Department

SUMMARY

A report and proposed resolution has been prepared authorizing the City Administrator, on behalf of the City of Oakland, to enter into a grant agreement with the Child Abuse Listening, Interviewing, and Coordination Center (CALICO) to provide forensic interviews, multi-disciplinary child abuse investigations, family support services, community outreach and training to the Oakland Police Department (OPD) for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this resolution will allow the Department to enter into a grant agreement with CALICO to provide forensic interviews, multi-disciplinary child abuse investigations, family support services, community outreach and training. Funds in an amount not to exceed \$22,500 (which reflects a 10% reduction in payment as compared to Fiscal Year 2008-2009, as requested by the City of Oakland) have been appropriated in the Federal Asset Forfeiture Fund (2910), the Office of the Chief of Police Organization (101110), Miscellaneous Services Account (53719), Federal Asset Forfeiture Project (H76020), Agency-wide Administration Program (PS01).

BACKGROUND

Founded in 1997 as a not-for-profit organization, CALICO brings law enforcement, child-welfare workers, and prosecutors together to respond collaboratively to child abuse allegations, hear children's testimonies, and link children and families with therapeutic, medical, and legal support services throughout the County of Alameda.

The Child Abuse, Listening, Interviewing, and Coordination Center is an accredited child advocacy center (the only one serving Alameda County) with its main facility in San Leandro, and a satellite office at the Alameda County's Family Justice Center in Oakland.

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The four components of CALICO are:

- *Forensic interviews* - CALICO conducts 600-700 forensic interviews annually with children and developmentally delayed adults who are victims of abuse. CALICO is an accredited child advocacy center, and the only one serving Alameda County's population of 1.5 million residents. A bilingual staff of Child Interview Specialists possess a combined 32 years of experience at CALICO and have conducted up to 2,000 forensic interviews each.
- *Multi-disciplinary child abuse investigations and response* - Collaboration is a core principle guiding CALICO's work; each year operating agreements are signed with 27 partnering agencies, each mandated to respond to child abuse allegations. Day-to-day collaboration occurs through participation at the forensic interview and attendance at monthly program advisory committee and case review meetings to discuss policies and programming, and share information regarding the investigation, status and service needs of specific clients/families.
- *Family support services* - A bilingual (English/Spanish) Family Resource Specialist (FRS) meets one-on-one with each caregiver that accompanies their child to CALICO. Through careful and sensitive questioning and listening, the FRS assesses immediate and ongoing safety concerns in the household, determines what services are needed, and identifies barriers to enrolling the child in therapy. From this initial meeting, the FRS determines what level of support the child and family already has and to what extent they will need follow-up assistance from CALICO.
- *Community outreach* - CALICO engages the services of a communications consultant to raise awareness of and resources for CALICO and child abuse interventions. During April 2009 – child abuse prevention month – CALICO was featured in the *Oakland Tribune*, on KTVU and other local media. CALICO regularly coordinates with community, civic and faith-based organizations to conduct informational sessions and participate in agency/community fairs.
- *Training* – CALICO hosts an annual all-day training for Alameda County professionals to increase their skills in child abuse investigation, response, and treatment. This year's event is scheduled for October 29, 2009, and will focus on physical abuse allegations and feature updates on abuse-related services and activities in Alameda County. In 2008, approximately 225 professional attended, including eight from OPD Special Victim Unit (SVU). In February 2009, CALICO hired its first Training Coordinator and launched a series of trainings to educate partners on the fundamentals of multi-disciplinary child abuse investigations. Priority is given to trainings for law enforcement, child welfare workers and district attorneys.

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KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

CALICO plays an integral part in the Department's efforts to combat child abuse. Minimizing the trauma to abused children, improving coordination of child abuse case investigations, and supporting children and their families in receiving appropriate medical, legal, and therapeutic services are crucial elements in combating cases of abuse.

During FY08-09, CALICO conducted 677 forensic interviews, including 182 (26.9%) with children and developmentally delayed adults who were abused in the City of Oakland.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The scope of services to be provided to the OPD by CALICO will be:

- Accept referrals from OPD for children and developmentally delayed adults abused within the City of Oakland;
- Conduct forensic interviews with children abused or witnessing violence within Oakland. The interviews will be conducted at CALICO's main office in San Leandro or satellite office at the Family Justice Center and by trained Child Interview Specialists;
- Provide OPD with a DVD and audio recording of each forensic interview;
- Provide on-site and follow-up support (including at least one telephone call post-interview) to the caregivers of at least 75% of the children interviewed; and
- Facilitate an in-depth multi-disciplinary team review of at least 3-5 OPD cases.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

There are no Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or senior access issues contained in this report.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Social Equity: Conducting more efficient investigations will assist in ensuring that offenders receive more stringent sentences which will remove them from the community, thereby making it safer.

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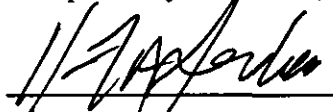
Economic: By making the City safer, consumers will be more likely to shop and conduct business in Oakland, which will have a positive effect on the economy.

Environmental: There are no environmental concerns associated with this report.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED OF THE COUNCIL

Staff recommends acceptance of this report, and approval of the proposed resolution authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a grant agreement with CALICO, in an amount not to exceed \$22,500 to provide forensic interviews, multi-disciplinary child abuse investigations, family support services, community outreach and training to the Oakland Police Department for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,



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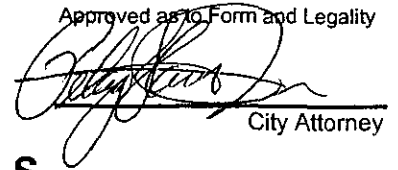


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL


City Attorney

2009 OCT 29 PM 3:34 RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE CHILD ABUSE LISTENING, INTERVIEWING, AND COORDINATION CENTER (CALICO) IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE DOLLARS (\$22,500) FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2009 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2010, TO PROVIDE FORENSIC INTERVIEWS, MULTI-DISCIPLINARY CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS, FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES, COMMUNITY OUTREACH, AND TRAINING TO THE OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Child Abuse, Listening, Interviewing, and Coordination Center (CALICO) is an accredited child advocacy center (the only one serving Alameda County) with its main facility in San Leandro, and a satellite office at the Alameda County's Family Justice Center in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, CALICO plays an integral part in the Oakland Police Department's efforts to combat child abuse by minimizing the trauma to abused children, by improving coordination of child abuse case investigations, and supporting children and their families in receiving appropriate medical, legal, and therapeutic services; and

WHEREAS, during FY 2008-09, CALICO interviewed conducted 677 forensic interviews, including 182 (26.9%) with children and developmentally delayed adults who were abused in the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, a grant agreement for services provided by CALICO to the Oakland Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$22,500 will support CALICO's annual operating budget of \$750,000; and

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of \$22,500 have been identified in the Federal Asset Forfeiture Fund (2910), the Office of the Chief of Police Organization (101110), Miscellaneous Services Account (53719), Federal Asset Forfeiture Project (H76020), Agency-wide Administration Program (PS01); now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council does hereby authorize the City Administrator, on behalf of the City of Oakland's Police Department, to enter into a grant agreement with CALICO, in an amount not to exceed \$22,500 to provide forensic interviews, multi-disciplinary child abuse investigations, family support services, community outreach and training to the Oakland Police Department for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the
Council of the City of Oakland,
California