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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Sabrina B. Landreth
City Administrator

FROM: Sara Bedford
Director, Human Services

SUBJECT: PATH Agreement with Lifelong
Medical Care FY 2016-2017

DATE: September 27, 2016

City Administrator Approval

Date:

9/29/16

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends That The City Council Adopt A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator To Enter Into A Grant Agreement With Lifelong Medical Care In An Amount Not To Exceed \$200,000 For The Provision Of Homeless Services At Several Permanent Supportive Housing Sites For The Period Of July 1, 2016 To June 30, 2017.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Adoption of the proposed resolution would allow the City Administrator to enter into a grant agreement with Lifelong Medical Care for \$200,000 for the provision of services to formerly homeless residents of the California and Harrison Hotels. This grant agreement was with Lifelong Medical care prior to Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2015. The grant agreement moved to Alameda County Behavioral Health Care (BHCS) in FY 2014-2015 and FY 2015-2016 in an effort to use it to leverage additional MediCal funds. BHCS subcontracted with Lifelong for the services. The leveraging was not as successful as anticipated. Therefore, both parties, BHCS and The City, agreed not to enter into a new agreement for FY 2016-2017. By entering into a grant agreement directly with Lifelong Medical Care, the services will continue to assist formerly homeless individuals with serious mental health issues to maintain their housing, improve their quality of life, and participate in and contribute to their community.

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Life Enrichment Committee
October 11, 2016

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

On May 8, 2007, Oakland City Council accepted and approved the Oakland Permanent Access to Housing (PATH) Strategy, a companion to the Alameda Countywide EveryOne Home Plan to end homelessness in Oakland and Alameda County. An online copy of the PATH Strategy is available at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/oakcal/groups/dhs/documents/report/oak022659.pdf>. The overarching strategy articulated in PATH and EveryOne Home is to shift the approach to homelessness away from managing it and towards solving it. Key elements of this shift include transitioning from emergency shelter and services towards the acquisition, development and operation of permanent affordable and supportive housing, and the restructuring and refinement of homelessness prevention activities, including new initiatives to prevent people from being discharged from publicly funded systems into homelessness, and to ensure that people who do become homeless are rehoused as rapidly as possible.

As part of the PATH Strategy, City Council Resolution No. 84927 C.M.S. authorized the City Administrator to enter into a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) with Behavioral Health Care Services (BHCS), to provide services for formerly homeless tenants at the Harrison and California Hotels, in the amount of \$200,000 annually in FY 2014-2015 and FY 2015-2016. BHCS subcontracted the funds to Lifelong Medical Care for the provision of services. It was anticipated that \$200,000 in contract funding could be leveraged by BHCS, through MediCal reimbursements, to bring in approximately \$150,000 in additional funds for a total of \$350,000 for services. However, in FY 2014-2015 and FY 2015-2016 the leveraging brought in less than half of the expected income. Therefore, both parties agreed not to enter into a new agreement for FY 2016-2017.

ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES

The Human Services Department had three alternatives for this grant agreement. They could attempt to continue the agreement with BHCS. However, over two years of trying, this arrangement had not worked efficiently and had not generated the anticipated extra income.

The Human Services Department could have looked for a new service provider to provide these services. However, Lifelong Medical Care has been the service provider at the California and Harrison Hotels for many years. When the grant agreement was held by BHCS, they subcontracted with Lifelong to provide the services. Lifelong has done great work at the hotels, keeping formerly homeless people permanently housed (see past performance section below).

To avoid any break in vital services for current participants, the Human Services Department, Community Housing Services Division, wishes to enter into a grant agreement directly with Lifelong Medical Care for the continued provision of services at the Harrison and California Hotels.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this resolution will authorize the City Administrator to enter into a grant agreement with Lifelong Medical Care in an amount up to \$200,000 for the period of FY 2016-2017, and increase the grant amount if additional funds become available.

Funding to support the grant amendment will come from the following sources:

OPRI 2016-2017				
Purpose	Agency	Amount	Funding Source	Coding Block
Supportive Services in Permanent Housing	Lifelong Medical Care	\$52,788	CDBG PATH Set Aside	1.2108.78411.G487825
		\$114,209	General Purpose Funds - PATH	1.1010.78411.G487755
		\$33,003	PATH High Priority Funds	1.1010.78411.A490850

PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST

This report did not require public outreach other than the posting of this report on the website.

COORDINATION

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

PAST PERFORMANCE, EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

In FY 2015-2016, Lifelong Medical Care provided services to formerly homeless residents of the California and Harrison Hotels through a subcontract with BHCS. The services assisted formerly homeless individuals with serious mental health issues to maintain their housing, improve their quality of life, and participate in and contribute to their community.

- In FY 2015-2016 in the California Hotel- 100 percent of Lifelong's clients maintained permanent housing for at least 12 months and 77percent of clients who had been enrolled in the program for at least 12 months were assisted to obtain an income greater than General Assistance.

- In FY 2015-2016 in the Harrison Hotel -100 percent of Lifelong's clients maintained permanent housing for at least 12 months and 98 percent of clients who had been enrolled in the program for at least 12 months were assisted to obtain an income greater than General Assistance.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: As noted in the report, all funds identified in this report are for the purpose of providing housing and services to eliminate homelessness.

Environmental: The provision of housing and services for at-risk and homeless persons is intended to address the environmental degradation caused by homeless families and 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.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff Recommends That The City Council Adopt A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator To Enter Into A Grant Agreement With Lifelong Medical Care In An Amount Not To Exceed \$200,000 For The Provision Of Homeless Services At Several Permanent Supportive Housing Sites For The Period Of July 1, 2016 To June 30, 2017.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Susan Shelton, Community Housing Services Manager, at 510-238-6186.

Respectfully submitted,


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Director, Human Services Department

Community Housing Services Division
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Prepared by: Lara Tannenbaum, Planner

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Approved as to Form and Legality


City Attorney

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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH LIFELONG MEDICAL CARE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 FOR THE PROVISION OF HOMELESS SERVICES AT SEVERAL PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SITES FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017

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, the PATH Strategy is a companion to the Alameda County-wide EveryOne Home Plan, a three tiered system to ending homelessness in the next ten years, by combining housing and service priorities for homeless, persons with HIV/AIDS, and persons with mental health care needs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland released a request for proposals for permanent supportive housing and homeless services under the City of Oakland's PATH Strategy, funding contingent upon General Purpose Fund allocations, and Community Development Block Grant funds allocated for Human Services Department Community Housing Services ("CHS") programs and staff; and

WHEREAS, the funding recommendations for PATH services were approved by City Council on June 26, 2014, including the recommendation to award \$200,000 to Alameda County Behavioral Health Care for homeless services to several permanent supportive housing sites as authorized by Resolution No. 84927 C.M.S.; and

WHEREAS, the City entered into a grant agreement with Alameda County Behavioral Health Care for the period July 1 2014 to June 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Alameda County Behavioral Health Care was unable to meet the grant agreement outcomes of obtaining leveraged funding; and

WHEREAS, both parties to the agreement agreed not to enter into a new agreement for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2017; and

WHEREAS, CHS Division has located an appropriate agency, Lifelong Medical Care, to provide services beginning on July 1, 2016 to avoid any break in vital services for current participants; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with Lifelong Medical Care in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, for the period of July1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, to provide homeless services at several permanent housing sites as further described in the accompanying report; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the funds for the grant agreement in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 will be allocated from the Community Development Block Grant Fund (2108), Community Housing Services Organization (78411), HESG 2016 PATH Set Aside Project (G487825), and Fostering Safe and Healthy Communities Program (SC22); General Purpose Fund (1010), Community Housing Services Organization (78411), Homeless/ PATH High Priority Areas Project (A490850) and Fostering Safe and Healthy Communities Program (SC22); and General Purpose Fund (1010) Community Housing Services Organization (78411), FY1617 COC/FIT/SS-THP Match Project (G487755) and Fostering Safe and Healthy Communities Program (SC22); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, modifications, payment requests and related actions which may be necessary in accordance with this resolution's basic purpose; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That if additional funding becomes available for the same purposes within the existing grant term, the City Administrator is authorized to increase the amount of the grant agreement without returning to council within the duration of the grant term of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That said grant agreement shall be approved as to form and legality by the Office of the City Attorney and placed on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, AND PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____

LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California