

CITY OF OAKLAND

AGENDA REPORT


TO: Jestin D. Johnson
City Administrator

FROM: Scott Means
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Services

SUBJECT: Grant Agreements For Eden I&R, Inc.
2-1-1 Referral Services and Service
Opportunity For Seniors (SOS) For
Meals On Wheels Food Delivery
Program

DATE: June 13, 2024

City Administrator Approval


Jestin Johnson (Jun 25, 2024 17:57 PDT)

Date: Jun 25, 2024

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends That The City Council Adopt A Resolution Awarding Grant Agreements To Eden I&R, Inc. To Provide 2-1-1 Referral Services In An Amount Not To Exceed \$100,000 Per Year For Fiscal Years 2023-2025 And To Service Opportunity For Seniors (SOS) To Administer The Meals On Wheels Food Delivery Program In An Amount Not To Exceed \$150,000 Per Year For Fiscal Years 2023-2025.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed resolution will authorize the City Administrator to negotiate and execute grant agreements between the City of Oakland and Eden I&R Inc. for 2-1-1 Referral Services and the City of Oakland and Service Opportunity for Seniors (SOS) to provide nutritious meals to homebound seniors through the Meals on Wheels program in the amount of \$250,000 per fiscal year (FY) 2023-2025 from the General-Purpose Fund.

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

On June 26, 2023, the City Council (Council) adopted [Resolution No. 89804 C.M.S.](#) which adopted the City of Oakland FY 2023-2025 Biennial Budget and appropriating funds from the General-Purpose Fund to cover expenditures by said budget.

On December 5, 2023, the Council adopted [Resolution No. 90005 C.M.S.](#) that awarded grants that were appropriated in the Adopted Biennial Budget for FY 23-25, including \$90,318 per year for Eden I&R, Inc.

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On February 29, 2024, the Council adopted [Resolution No. 90157 C.M.S.](#) that awarded a grant to Service Opportunity for Seniors (SOS) from [Measure BB](#) that was appropriated in the Adopted Biennial Budget for FY 23-25 yet left off Resolution 90005 C.M.S. in error.

Additional award grants for Eden I&R, Inc. and Service Opportunities for Seniors (SOS) were left off Resolution No. 90005 C.M.S. and Resolution 90157 C.M.S. in error, while listed as awarded grants appropriated in the Adopted Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 23-25.

ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES

The Citywide priorities advanced with these funds are **Holistic Community Safety** and **Responsive, Trustworthy Government**. These programs direct funds to provide critical services that help feed our homebound seniors and refer community members in need to service providers in the community. The FY 2023-2025 Biennial Budget includes an appropriation for grant agreements with the following entity in the amounts as noted in **Table 1** below:

Table 1: FY 2023-25 Grantee and Award Amounts

Grantee	FY 2023-24 Amount	FY 2024-25 Amount
Eden I&R, Inc. <i>2-1-1 Referral Services</i>	\$100,000	\$100,000
Service Opportunity for Seniors <i>Meals on Wheels Program – Food Delivery to Seniors</i>	\$150,000	\$150,000
TOTAL	\$250,000	\$250,000

Service Opportunities for the Community and Seniors

Eden I&R, Inc., was incorporated as a non-profit 501(c)(3) agency in January 1976 in response to a community need for a service provider that would assist people in obtaining information about, as well as gaining access to, community resources. Their 2-1-1 service is a free, accessible, three-digit telephone number that enables residents of the City of Oakland (“City”) to easily access customized multilingual health, housing and human services. 2-1-1 has become a vital piece of the community safety infrastructure.

Service Opportunity for Seniors (SOS) is a nonprofit organization that has been addressing the issue of senior isolation and promoting nutritional health for over 56 years. SOS administers the Meals on Wheels program whose primary function is to deliver nutritious, balanced meals and friendly safety checks to homebound seniors. Meals on Wheels assists in the interception of the of premature institutionalization of isolated seniors by providing social interaction with the program staff and fosters the independence and dignity of homebound seniors in Central Alameda County and the City of Oakland.

Adoption of this resolution will advance the Citywide priority of providing holistic community safety by providing referral services and quality meals to the most vulnerable Oakland residents.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for this grant agreement is available from the FY 2023-2025 Biennial Budget as detailed in **Table 2** below:

Table 2: Program Funding Source

Fund Source	Organization	Project	Program	Amount
1010– General Purpose Fund	78361 – CSBG Admin	1000412 – Expand 211 Help	SC22 - Fostering Safe and Healthy Communities	\$200,000
1010 – General Purpose Fund	75631 –Senior Center	1003725 – Meals on Wheel	YS14 - Empowering Seniors & People with Disability	\$300,000
Total Funding				\$500,000

These programs are funded by the General Purpose Fund. There is no additional fiscal impact.

PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST

No outreach was deemed necessary for this informational report beyond the standard City Council agenda noticing procedures.

COORDINATION

The City Administrator’s Office, City Attorney’s Office, and Finance Department have been consulted in the development of this report.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: The economic opportunity associated to this resolution are significant as this grant funding will enable the continuation of the programs to serve the community without interruption.

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

Race and Equity: A racial equity analysis has not been conducted; however, these programs provide a critical service to low-income community members and underserved seniors who have challenges locating resources and accessing affordable food options. The SOS Meals on Wheels mission is to foster the independence and dignity of older adults by reducing food insecurity and isolation, with daily nutritious meals, friendly visits, and connection to support services.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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Respectfully submitted,



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