

CITY OF OAKLAND

AGENDA REPORT

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To: Office of the City Administrator
Attn: Deborah Edgerly
From: Department of Human Services
Date: November 13, 2007

Re: Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator To Execute A Two-Year Grant Agreement With The Vietnamese American Community Center Of The East Bay, Inc. To Fund Their Programs And Operations For Fiscal Years 2007-2008 And 2008-2009 In A Total Amount Not To Exceed \$60,000

SUMMARY

The Resolution will authorize a two-year grant agreement between the City of Oakland and Vietnamese American Community Center of the East Bay, Inc. to provide services to seniors at the facility on International Boulevard in the west Fruitvale district. The Department of Human Services will oversee the grant agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for this grant agreement is included in the policy budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2009. The funds in the amount of \$30,000 annually are budgeted in General Purpose Fund (1010), Citywide Activities Organization (90591), Other Costs Services Account (54629), Non Project (000000), Citywide Activities Program (IP50).

BACKGROUND

The City of Oakland's Comprehensive Plan for Seniors, originally developed in 1987, recommended that the City provide additional services to elderly groups with special needs, including diverse populations. The Plan also recommended that the City should develop and support a network of senior centers. The City Council responded to these recommendations, and to the needs of seniors in the Chinatown neighborhood, by authorizing funds in the 2003-2005 and 2005-2007 policy budgets budget for the Seton Senior Center, which was recently renamed the Vietnamese American Community Center of the East Bay, and which continues to serve southeast Asian Oakland seniors.

In previous years, the Vietnamese American Community Center of the East Bay has received City of Oakland funds through the Senior Services Set-Aside program. Those funds have been used to support programming that includes special events, voter education activities, and classes in computers and English literacy. In all prior years the grantee has met all requirements and deliverables. The Vietnamese American Community Center of the East Bay currently serves

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Until 2005 the The Vietnamese American Community Center of the East Bay was known as the Seton Senior Center, and operated by the Daughters of Charity. When the Daughters of Charity stopped providing operational and financial support for the Center, the City of Oakland recognized the importance of the programs for the Southeast Asian Senior population, and identified alternative funding sources.

Located just east of Lake Merritt, the Vietnamese American Community Center of the East Bay, Inc., promotes the physical, mental, and spiritual well-being of participating seniors, most of whom do not speak English and who are otherwise socially isolated. The Center provides a warm, welcoming place for seniors to socialize, eat and remain connected to their cultural community. Seniors can also learn English and access the internet at the Center.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: This grant agreement is with a local vendor. The vendor adheres to the City's Living Wage Ordinance.

Environmental: The vendor provides transportation for populations that cannot use public transportation and do not have access to private vehicles.

Social Equity: Vendor gives many senior residents access to education, nutrition and social services that might not otherwise be available in their community. Access to these programs and services will improve the quality of life for Oakland senior citizens who participate in the Vietnamese American Community Center of the East Bay.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

This resolution authorizes a grant that will support access to necessary services for Oakland's elderly Southeast Asian populations. Vietnamese American Community Center of the East Bay has a history of establishing and ensuring access to services for people with disabilities and senior citizens.

RECOMMENDATION(S) AND RATIONALE

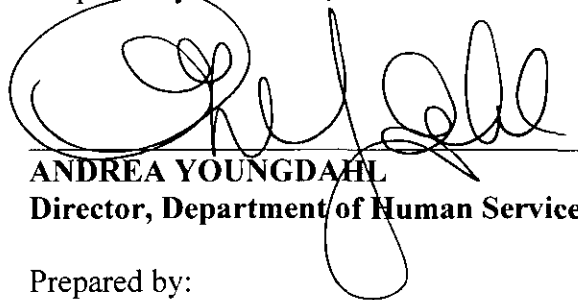
Staff recommends that a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to execute a two-year grant agreement with Family Bridges, Inc. to operate the Vietnamese American Community Center of the East Bay for Fiscal Years 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 in a total amount not to exceed \$60,000.

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ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

That the City Council approve this resolution authorizing the City Administrator to execute a two-year grant agreement to fund the programs and operations at the Vietnamese American Community Center of the East Bay for fiscal years 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

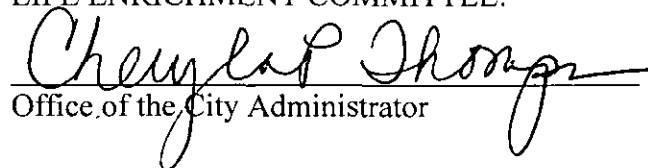
Respectfully submitted,



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Senior Services Administrator

APPROVED FOR FORWARDING TO THE
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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A TWO-YEAR GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE VIETNAMESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER OF THE EAST BAY, INC. TO FUND THEIR PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2007-2008 AND 2008-2009 IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000

WHEREAS, the City Council has supported expansion of senior center services to Oakland's increasingly diverse senior residents; and

WHEREAS, the Adopted Policy Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-09 includes funding to support social, recreational, education and other services for Vietnamese seniors in the General Purpose Fund (1010), Citywide Activities Organization (90591), Other Costs Services Account (54629), Non Project (000000), Citywide Activities Program (IP50); and,

WHEREAS, The Vietnamese American Community Center of the East Bay, Inc. has for more than 15 years provided services directly to Oakland's Southeast Asian senior residents at several sites; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Department of Human Services is authorized to execute a grant agreement with the Vietnamese American Community Center of the East Bay, Inc. in the amount of \$30,000 in Fiscal Year 2007-08 and \$30,000 in Fiscal Year 2008-09 to support programs and activities for seniors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: The City Council finds that the performance of this service is in the public interest because of economy or better performance and shall not result in the loss of employment or salary by any person having permanent status in the competitive service.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

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