

  
City Attorney's Office

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

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**RESOLUTION:**

- 1) **AWARDING GRANT AGREEMENTS FOR THE PROVISION OF HOUSING STABILITY SERVICES TO BAY AREA COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC., CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF OAKLAND, DOING BUSINESS AS CATHOLIC CHARITIES EAST BAY, CENTRO LEGAL DE LA RAZA, INC., COLLECTIVE LEGAL SERVICES – EVICTION DEFENSE CENTER, A NON-PROFIT LAW CORPORATION, BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY, EAST BAY ASIAN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, EAST OAKLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, AND SAFE PASSAGES IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000);**
  
- 2) **AWARDING GRANT AGREEMENTS FOR THE PROVISION OF HOUSING RELATED LEGAL SERVICES TO CENTRO LEGAL DE LA RAZA AND HOUSING AND ECONOMIC RIGHTS ADVOCATES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT NOT EXCEED ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500,000); AND**
  
- 3) **AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO AMEND GRANT AGREEMENTS AWARDED HEREUNDER TO INCREASE INCREASE THE GRANT AWARD OR TO REALLOCATE FUNDING BETWEEN GRANTEES, IF NECESSARY, TO ENSURE THE TIMELY EXPENDITURE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (Public Law 116-136) provided \$5 billion in supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for grants to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus (CDBG-CV grants); and

**WHEREAS**, the United State Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded the City of Oakland CDBG CARES Act funds in the amount of \$4,532,841 for CDBG-CV grants (CDBG-CV-1); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. 88135, the City Council took the following actions related to said CDBG-CV grant funds: 1) appropriated CDBG-CV grant funds to the HUD-CDBG Fund 2108, 2) authorized the City Administrator to submit an amended FY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan (AAP) to include CDBG-CV funds as well as a description of the eligible activities to be funded with these funds, and 3) authorized the City Administrator to award agreements to third party contractors and sub recipients for projects and activities set forth in the Exhibit A to the AAP amendment subject to competitive bidding requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, a competitive bidding process has been conducted through the issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) dated September 15, 2020 requesting qualifications for delivery of housing stabilization services and housing related legal services that respond to the impacts of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, as of the RFQ due date of March 31, 2021 the following agencies submitted their qualifications for CDBG-CV funding and were found to have responsive submissions and the experience and expertise to carry out CDBG-CV eligible programs

Applicant	Score	Service Categories		
		Housing Stabilization	Legal Services	ERAP
Centro	104	X	X	X
CCEB	103	X		X
EBALDC	102	X		X
Safe Passages	101	X		X
BACS	101	X		X
BOSS	100	X		X
HERA	99		X	
EDC	88	X		X
EOCDC	85	X		

; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to provide funding to the nine agencies listed above to deliver critically needed housing stabilization services and housing-related legal services which respond to the COVID-19 health pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the City must act quickly not only to ensure timely expenditure of the CDBG-CV funds but to address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on low income households; and

**WHEREAS**, it is not uncommon for non-profit agencies to be able to deploy grant funds faster than expected or to experience unexpected delays in the deployment of grant funds and, therefore, it is critical that the City Administrator have the ability to increase grant awards or reallocate funds between grantees, without returning to Council, to ensure timely expenditure of

CDBG-CV grant funds and to provide rapid assistance to eligible households experiencing significant hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for these housing stabilization and housing related legal service grants is available in Fund 2108, Organization 89949, Project 1005525 (CDBG-CV Round1 Allocation), Account (54011 or 54912); now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council awards grants to the following non-profit agencies in the specified “not to exceed” amounts to provide housing stabilization services to eligible households

Grantee	Not To Exceed Amount
Bay Area Community Services, Inc.	\$350,000
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Oakland, Doing Business As, Catholic Charities East Bay	\$250,000
Centro Legal De La Raza, Inc.	\$200,000
Collective Legal Services – The Eviction Defense Center, A Non-Profit Law Corporation	\$175,000
East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation	\$300,000
Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency	\$300,000
Safe Passages	\$300,000
East Oakland Community Development Corporation	\$125,000
	<b>Total</b> \$2,000,000

; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Council awards grants to the following non-profit agencies in the specified “not to exceed” amounts to provide housing related legal services to eligible households

Grantee	Not To Exceed Amount
Centro Legal De La Raza, Inc.	\$1,000,000

Housing and Economic Rights Advocates	\$500,000
	<b>Total</b> \$1,500,000

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**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator or designee is authorized to amend grant agreements awarded hereunder to increase the grant award or to reallocate funding between grantees if necessary, to ensure the timely and rapid expenditure of CDBG-CV funds; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Council directs the City Administrator to provide regular reporting to the City Council and the public with respect to status of administering funds, names of recipient organizations, status of expenditures, planned expenditures at risk of not being timely spent, reallocations, and other pertinent information to ensure complete transparency with regard to the City’s use of these funds; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That prior to execution, all agreements shall be reviewed and approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney and executed copies of each agreement shall be filed with the City Clerk.

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IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND  
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
ASHA REED  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the  
City of Oakland, California