

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 90358 C.M.S., WHICH AWARDED A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR OUTREACH SERVICES TO OPERATION DIGNITY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,200,000 FOR A TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT BY \$200,000 USING MEASURE Q FUNDING IN ORDER TO ADD A CLINICAL CARE TEAM

WHEREAS, the homeless population will likely continue to significantly spike without serious intervention and comprehensive strategies to address the crisis; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, 2019, 2022, and 2024, the Homelessness “Point in Time” (PIT) count increased from 2,761, to 4,071, to 5,055 to 5,490 respectively; and

WHEREAS, this likely increase of 9% in 2024 is a result the substantial upward pressure of increased residential rents, the end of the State and Federal COVID-19 State of Emergencies in February and May 2023, the end of Alameda County’s Rental Eviction Moratorium in April 2023, and the end of the City of Oakland’s Rental Eviction Moratorium at the end of July 2023; and

WHEREAS, studies show that providing decent, safe and stable housing coupled with holistic crucial wrap around and supportive services and outreach are primary mechanisms to successful transitions from homelessness to a stable, safer, and healthier ways of living; and

WHEREAS, outreach teams are a critical component to the City of Oakland’s Encampment Management Policy, and to the Encampment Management Team’s strategies, response to homelessness, and to Encampment Management Team interventions and operations; and

WHEREAS, integrating a Clinical Care Team into Operation Dignity’s existing framework will offer increased crisis management services, provide for increased touch points to the homeless populations increasing service and shelter offers and ultimately cooperation during encampment operations and interventions; and

WHEREAS, outreach teams that have a long-standing relationship with the City of Oakland and our homeless population is an important continuum in the engagement of unsheltered individuals; and

WHEREAS, trust is critical in relationship building and is a powerful tool for outreach teams and homeless individuals to accept services and shelter at intervention sites; and

WHEREAS, the current number of homeless individuals in Oakland far outpaces the number of existing shelter beds, transitional housing or permanent supportive housing units available, the work of outreach workers becomes ever more critical in the unsheltered population complying with mitigation strategies for cleanliness and compliance in City sanctioned homeless encampments; and

WHEREAS, both the City of Oakland and voters passed capital bond Measures Q, the 2020, Oakland Parks and Recreation Preservation, Litter Reduction, and Homeless Support Act and Measure U, the Affordable Housing in Oakland Infrastructure Bond devoted to housing, including providing more permanent supportive housing and transitional housing to serve the unsheltered population; and

WHEREAS, funding for Measure Q is appropriated in Fund (2244) Community Homelessness Organization (02141), Homeless Services & Support (NB41), Measure Q Homeless Project (1005349), and \$950,000 is allocated towards this award to Operation Dignity for outreach services; and

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2024, the City passed Resolution No. 90358 C.M.S., which authorized the City Administrator to award a Professional Service Agreement to Operation Dignity for mobile outreach services with a term of July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000, using \$450,000 of State of California Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) funding and \$750,000 of Measure Q funding; and

WHEREAS, staff now seeks to amend the agreement for existing services with Operation Dignity from July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 using an additional \$200,000 of appropriated Measure Q funds allocated to Operation Dignity for a total contract amount of \$1,400,000; and; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council authorizes the City Administrator to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Operation Dignity for the term July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 for homeless intervention services including a clinical care team in a total amount not to exceed \$1,400,000, using HHAP funds and appropriated Measure Q funds; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is authorized to make such amendments to the approved Professional Services Agreement, including entering into an amendment if the Professional Services Agreement has already been executed, as may be necessary to achieve the purposes of this resolution, subject to any applicable funding regulations and requirements; and be it

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

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, JENKINS, KALB, KAPLAN, RAMACHANDRAN, REID, AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California