



## AGENDA REPORT

TO: DEANNA J SANTANA  
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: Sara Bedford

SUBJECT: VOA Agreement CDCR/GSW Extension      DATE: January 24, 2014

City Administrator  
Approval

Date

1/21/14

COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-Wide

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to amend the existing grant agreement with Volunteers of America (VOA) for an additional amount of \$343,045 from California Department of Correction & Rehabilitation (CDCR) for a total grant amount of \$2,668,045 to provide parolee work crews, job placement, and job retention services from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014

### OUTCOME

The goal of the Golden State Works (GSW) program is to assist parolee's successful reintegration into their communities upon release from prison through transitional employment, effective job placement and retention, thereby increasing public safety. The program has already served over 397 parolees with 378 completing life skills education and receiving transitional employment and more than 118 placed in permanent jobs

### BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

In June 2013 the City Administrator was authorized to extend the public entity agreement with California Department of Correction and Rehabilitation (CDCR) for a one year period (July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014), receive \$2,808,895 in additional dollars for the GSW program and enter into a grant agreement with Volunteers of America (VOA) in the amount of \$2,325,000 to provide parolee work crews, job placement, and job retention services from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The amount originally allocated to VOA inadvertently omitted \$343,045 for job placement and retention services

Item \_\_\_\_\_  
Public Safety Committee  
February 11, 2014

## ANALYSIS

The report and resolution will amend the agreement with VOA to include \$343,045 for a total of \$2,668,045 without a material change to the services, programs, or requirements defined in the original Resolution

## COORDINATION

The GSW partnership is an extremely collaborative partnership with DHS and CDCR as primary partners Other key partners include CalTrans, VOA, and CEO DHS participates in regular communication with CDCR's Division of Rehabilitative Programs Contract Manager In addition, the Director of the Department of Human Services, the City Attorney's Office, and the Budget Office have each been consulted in the development of this report

## COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

Approval of this resolution will authorize the City Administrator to amend Resolution No 84437 C M S (*Attachment A*) to use the CDCR GSW funds to amend a grant agreement with VOA for \$2,668,045 to provide work crew and job placement services through June 30, 2014 Funding is available in State of California Other Fund (2159), Policy and Planning Organization (78311), and CDCR GSW Project (G440630/G440640) The grant agreement will be for one year, July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014

There is no negative impact to the General Fund

## PAST PERFORMANCE, EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

The GSW program has engaged over 300 parolees and GSW crews have been deployed for over 3,000 client work days

## SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES


**Economic:** Providing stable employment and strong retention support will enable formerly incarcerated individuals to successful transition and become contributing members of our community and will decrease the recidivism rates

**Environmental:** There are no environmental opportunities at this time

**Social Equity:** This program will provide skill development, paid employment, and job placement for individuals on parole who traditionally have substantial barriers to economic self-sufficiency thus increasing their social equity

For questions regarding this report please contact Dan Simmons, Program Analyst II, at 510-238-4978

Respectfully submitted,

  
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SARA BEDFORD, Director  
Department of Human Services

Policy & Planning/ Oakland Unite Programs  
*Reviewed by* Mark Henderson , Interim Manager  
*Prepared by* Dan Simmons, Program Analyst II

Attachment A Resolution No 84437 C M S

FILED  
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK  
OAKLAND

2013 MAY 16 PM 6:44

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

  
City Attorney

RESOLUTION No. 84437 C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO 1) AMEND THE PUBLIC ENTITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION (CDCR) TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014, WITH ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,808,895 GIVEN TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND TO PROVIDE A GOLDEN STATE WORKS (GSW) TRANSITIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND JOB PLACEMENT SERVICES PROGRAM FOR OAKLAND RESIDENTS ON PAROLE, AND 2) ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA (VOA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,325,000 TO PROVIDE PAROLEE WORK CREWS, JOB PLACEMENT, AND JOB RETENTION SERVICES FROM JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland as part of its overall violence prevention strategy, has supported transitional reentry employment as a key element under its Measure Y initiative, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland, is home to an estimated 3,000 individuals on state parole who frequently have substantial employment barriers, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland through Measure Y, currently funds work crew transitional employment programs for individuals on probation and parole and has found the strategy to be successful, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland has negotiated a public entity agreement with CDCR to obtain funding to implement a transitional employment program Golden State Works (GSW) initiative for individuals on parole providing litter abatement and other maintenance services on CalTrans rights-of-way in the Bay Area, and

**WHEREAS**, the current public entity agreement with CDCR, in an amount of \$2,350,000, expires June 30, 2013, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland, Department of Human Services (DHS) has negotiated a one year, \$2,808,895 extension of the public entity agreement, and

**WHEREAS**, the current GSW community-based provider, VOA, has extensive experience running crew based programs and in working with individuals on parole, and

WHEREAS, VOA successfully competed in a competitive Request for Proposal process in January 2011, and

WHEREAS, DHS will utilize a grant funded position at an estimated 0.60 FTE to manage resources, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services wishes to extend the public entity agreement to run this transitional employment program through June 30, 2014 for an additional estimated amount of \$2,808,895, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to amend the public entity agreement with CDCR and enter into a one year agreement extension from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 for receipt of an additional \$2,808,895 for the GSW project, bringing the total amount of the agreement with CDCR to \$5,176,583; and be it.

FURTHER RESOLVED. That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with VOA in an amount not to exceed \$2,325,000 to provide parolee work crews, job placement, and job retention services from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED That the state funds will be appropriated in the Department of Human Services Fund (2159), Administration Organization (78111), and Project (G440610), and funds for the grant agreement with Volunteers of America are available from the Department of Human Services Fund (2159), DHS Administration Organization (78111), Project (G440610); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to accept and appropriate any additional funding related to this public entity agreement that may become available without returning to City Council; 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 said agreements 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, JUN 4 2013

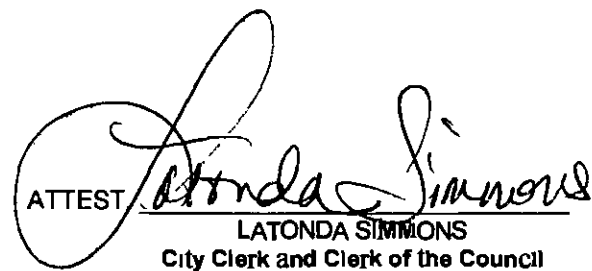
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, SCHAAF, REID and  
PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN - 8

NOES- 0

ABSENT- 0

ABSTENTION- 0

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

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City Attorney

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO AMEND THE EXISTING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA (VOA) FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$343,045 FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION & REHABILITATION (CDCR) FOR A TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT OF \$2,668,045 TO PROVIDE PAROLEE WORK CREWS, JOB PLACEMENT, AND JOB RETENTION SERVICES FROM JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014**

**WHEREAS**, the public entity agreement with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) funding a transitional employment program Golden State Works (GSW) for individuals on parole expired June 30, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland negotiated an extension of the public entity agreement and obtained additional funding to continue implementing GSW through June 30, 2014, and

**WHEREAS**, on June 4, 2013 Resolution No 84437 C M S approved a one year, extension of the public entity agreement between the City of Oakland and the State of California and appropriated \$2,808,895 for this purpose, and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No 84437 C M S allocated \$2,325,000 to the lead agency Volunteers of America (VOA) to provide subsidized employment and job placement, support and retention services, and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No 84437 C M S mistakenly stated the total grant agreement as \$2,325,000 which excluded the job placement and support funding of \$343,045, and

**WHEREAS**, the full contract amount should have been stated at \$2,668,045 for the same scope of services and is still within the total amount appropriated by the original Resolution No 84437 C M S , now therefore be it

**RESOLVED** That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to amend the current grant agreement with VOA approved originally by Resolution No 84437 C M S for an additional amount of \$343,045 for a total amount not to exceed \$2,668,045 for the GSW project to provide parolee work crews, job placement, and job retention services from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** That the funding is available in State of California Other Fund (2159), Policy and Planning Organization (78311), and CDCR GSW Project (G440630/G440640), and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That if additional funding becomes available for the same purpose, within the existing grant term, these funds can be accepted and appropriated as authorized by City Ordinance No 12731 C M S and City Council Resolution No 79714 C M S for accepting and appropriating funds of \$50,000 or less, for any amounts in excess of \$50,000 staff will return to Council, 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 said agreements 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:

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NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
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