



AGENDA REPORT

TO: Steven Falk
Interim City Administrator

FROM: Emily Weinstein
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Community Development

SUBJECT: Amendment To Oakland City Council
Resolution No. 89376 To Correct
Grant Recipient Name

DATE: May 30, 2023

City Administrator Approval

Date: Jun 1, 2023

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends That City Council Adopt A Resolution Amending Oakland City Council Resolution No. 89376 C.M.S., Which Awarded Two Grants To Oakland Housing Secure In The Total Amount Of One-Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) For Legal Services And Housing Assistance, To Correct The Grant Recipient Name From Oakland Housing Secure to Centro Legal De La Raza, Inc.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed resolution would correct the grantee name from Oakland Housing Secure to Centro Legal de la Raza. Centro Legal de la Raza, Inc. ("Centro Legal") is the current administrator of Oakland Housing Secure and will subgrant a portion of these funds to other community organizations within the collaborative.

[Resolution No. 89376 C.M.S.](#) does not accurately describe the legal recipient of the intended grant funding and needs to be amended accordingly.

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

City Council adopted the Fiscal Year ("FY") 2022-23 Midcycle Budget on June 30, 2022, which included new awards to organizations and entities in the amount of \$6,091,250. The allocations for grant agreements between the City of Oakland ("City") and various organizations and non-profits provide services, programs, and resources to Oakland residents. The City Council routinely funds grant agreements as part of the budget in support of enabling these non-profits to continue to operate programs and serve the community without interruption.

On July 26, 2022, the City Council adopted [Resolution No. 89376 C.M.S.](#), which awarded grant agreements to community service providers for FY 2022-2023.

Resolution No. 89376 C.M.S. awarded two grants to Oakland Housing Secure in the amount of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) for legal services and in the amount of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for rental assistance.

ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES

Centro Legal de la Raza is a community organization providing much needed tenant eviction protection services to Oakland residents. Their services help prevent displacement and homelessness using an array of tools including community outreach and education, legal representation, financial assistance to help the most vulnerable community members attain housing security. This work advances the Citywide priority of housing, economic, and cultural security. Centro Legal de la Raza and its partners Eviction Defense Center, East Bay Community Law Center, Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach and The Unity Council will provide services for low- and moderate-income Oakland residents so they can remain housed and do not experience homelessness.

Staff experienced several delays in executing the FY 2022/23 agreement for legal and flexible financial assistance services to be provided by Centro Legal de la Raza. During final routing of the Agreement, it was determined that City Council Resolution 89376 does not sufficiently identify Centro Legal de la Raza as the intended awardee of funds allocated to Oakland Housing Secure.

With the Eviction Moratorium phasing out July 15, 2023, correcting the name is vital to getting these services to Oakland residents most in need.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 for these agreements was appropriated in the FY 2022-23 Midcycle Budget and is available in the General Purpose Fund (1010), Housing Community Development Department's Organizations (89919 and 89969).

PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST

This item does not require additional public outreach.

COORDINATION

The report was completed in coordination with the City Attorney's Office and Budget and Finance.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: There are no direct economic impacts associated with this report.

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


Race & Equity: There are no direct race & equity impacts from this report that solely changes the name of the grant recipient for the same services intended.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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For questions regarding this report, please contact Greg Garrett, Community Development & Engagement Manager at 510.238.6183.

Respectfully submitted,


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