



AGENDA REPORT

TO: Jestin D. Johnson
City Administrator

FROM: G. Kentrell Killens
Interim Chief of Violence
Prevention

SUBJECT: FY22-23 Midcycle Grant Award Clean
Up – At Thy Word

DATE: October 16, 2023

City Administrator Approval

Date: Nov 2, 2023

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends That The City Council Adopt A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 89376 C.M.S., Which Awarded Grants to Community Service Providers, To Add Faith In Action East Bay, A California Nonprofit Corporation, As The Fiscal Sponsor For The Grantee “At Thy Word Ministries” For An Amount Not To Exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed resolution will authorize the City Administrator to negotiate and execute a grant agreement between the City of Oakland and Faith in Action East Bay as the fiscal sponsor for the At Thy Word Ministries, which was awarded a grant for \$50,000 via [Resolution No. 89376 C.M.S.](#) to distribute food to residents of East Oakland.

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

On June 24, 2021, the Oakland City Council adopted [Resolution No. 88717 C.M.S.](#), which adopted the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2023 Biennial Budget Policy and appropriated funds for said budget's expenditure.

On June 30, 2022, the Oakland City Council adopted [Resolution No. 89283 C.M.S.](#), which adopted the City of Oakland FY22-23 Midcycle Policy Budget and established appropriations for grant awards.

On July 26, 2022, the Oakland City Council adopted [Resolution No. 89376 C.M.S.](#), which awarded grant agreements to 35 community service providers to deliver services related to youth development, workforce development, homeless services, business safety, food distribution, and other important issues as part of City Council's Direct Community Grants Program.

ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES

At Thy Word Ministries requires a fiscal sponsor to accept grant funds from the City of Oakland, but a fiscal sponsor was not named in Resolution No. 89376 C.M.S. The proposed resolution seeks to correct this omission (**Table 1**) and grant proper authority to the City Administrator to execute the grant agreement between the City of Oakland and Faith in Action East Bay, which has agreed to serve as a fiscal sponsor for At Thy Word Ministries. The amount of this grant agreement (\$50,000) will be unchanged.

Table 1. Grantee name change proposed through current resolution.

Grantee named in Resolution No. 89376 C.M.S.	Grantee name proposed through current resolution
Thy Word	Faith in Action East Bay (Fiscal sponsor for Grantee “At Thy Word Ministries”).

[At Thy Word Ministries](#) will use this funding to provide food to individuals and families impacted by violence in East Oakland from January 1, 2024, to December 30, 2024. Specifically, At Thy Word Ministries will perform the following food-distribution activities:

- Provide 50 meals for quarterly Ceasefire call-in meetings.
- Provide Thanksgiving meals to 500 families living in neighborhoods impacted by gun violence.
- Provide Christmas meals to 500 families living in neighborhoods impacted by gun violence.
- Distribute 50 meals every Wednesday in neighborhoods impacted by gun violence.
- Provide meals to 50 individuals during one-on-one mediation and safety conversations with credible messengers.

This resolution addresses the citywide priority of holistic community safety by providing food to individuals and families who have been impacted by community violence.

FISCAL IMPACT

Adopting this proposed resolution will authorize the City Administrator to negotiate and execute a grant agreement with Faith in Action East Bay as the fiscal sponsor for At Thy Word Ministries. Funding for this grant agreement is available in the carryforward from FY22-23 Midcycle Budget to FY 23-24. Funding codes are provided in **Table 2**.

Table 2. Funding information for a grant with Faith in Action East Bay.

Fund	Organization	Project	Program	FY22-23 Amount
1010 – General Purpose Fund	70211 – Oakland Unite	1006478 – Community Youth Dev. Mentor.	SC22 – Fostering Safe and Healthy Communities	\$50,000

PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST

No public outreach was deemed necessary for this informational report beyond the standard City Council agenda noticing procedures.

COORDINATION

This report was developed in coordination with the City Attorney's Office, Finance Department, and City Administrator's Office.

PAST PERFORMANCE, EVALUATION, AND FOLLOW-UP

City staff are not aware of a prior grant agreement executed for food distribution services between the City of Oakland and At Thy Word Ministries or a fiscal sponsor. City staff are also not aware of evaluation data related to the proposed program.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: There are no economic opportunities associated with this report.

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


Race and Equity: This grant provides important food to residents of East Oakland, the majority of whom identify as non-White.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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For questions regarding this report, please contact G. Kentrell Killens, Interim Chief of Violence Prevention, at 510-238-3707.

Respectfully submitted,


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