



AGENDA REPORT

TO: Edward D. Reiskin
City Administrator

FROM: Alexandria McBride, Chief
Resilience Officer

SUBJECT: Resolution Awarding Grant
Agreement to Oakland Parks and
Recreation Foundation for Community
Preparedness Activities

DATE: April 19, 2021

City Administrator Approval 

Date: May 4, 2021

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends That City Council Adopt A Resolution Awarding A Grant Agreement To Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation In An Amount Not To Exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) To Promote Community Preparedness Activities Using California Office of Emergency Services Grant Funding.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff is requesting that City Council adopt a resolution awarding a one hundred-thousand-dollar (\$100,000) grant agreement to Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation (OPRF) to promote community preparedness activities using funding received from the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Resiliency grant.

The OPRF grant agreement will allow OPRF to directly fund small community groups and organizations currently engaged in community preparedness activities, including:

- developing culturally relevant disaster preparedness training, response and recovery plans,
- building and maintaining strong communications networks, and
- partnering with the City to develop resilience hubs, community-led and community-serving facilities that support residents year-round with resource distribution and onsite services before, during or after a hazard event.

The OPRF grant agreement will align with the City's commitment to equitable community resilience initiatives, as described in the City's 2030 Equitable Climate Action Plan, the Resilient Oakland Playbook and the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The OPRF grant agreement will also comply with all Cal OES PSPS grant requirements.

City Council
May 18, 2021

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

In Fall 2019, the City applied for and was later awarded a California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Resiliency Allocation to Cities Grant (“PSPS Grant”) in the amount of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000). The City’s PSPS Grant proposal included one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for community preparedness programming.

The City Council, pursuant to Resolution No. 88158 C.M.S. authorized the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Cal OES, and to accept, appropriate and expend PSPS Grant funds over the two year grant term. The City entered into an agreement with Cal OES on January 27, 2020 (**Attachment A**).

The City wishes to enter into an Agreement with OPRF and use the PSPS Grant community preparedness funding (\$100,000) to directly fund community partners engaged in community preparedness activities.

ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES

PSPS Grant funding will be used to support community preparedness planning activities, including planning for resilience hubs (community-led and community-serving facilities that support residents year-round and support resource distribution and onsite services before, during, or after a hazard event). The City’s [2030 Equitable Climate Action Plan](#) (adopted by Council in July 2020) and the 2016 Resilient Oakland Playbook identify several goals priorities related to community preparedness and resilience hub planning, outlined below in Table 1.

City-wide goal	Description
<p>Fund Creation and Operation of Resilience Hubs – <i>Equitable Climate Action Plan, Action A-1</i></p>	<p>Increase community resilience by (1) supporting community engagement and community-led disaster preparedness training, prioritizing frontline communities first; and (2) developing protocols and enhancing building systems to enable trusted community-serving facilities – including libraries, recreation and community centers, and parks – to reliably serve their communities as places of refuge during smoke days, extreme heat, and power outages. By 2022, identify and prioritize specific resilience needs and gaps in frontline communities, and assess feasibility of establishing Resilience Hubs at both municipal and community facilities in areas with prioritized gaps.</p>
<p>Expand the reach of emergency preparedness and response training in underserved neighborhoods – <i>Resilient Oakland Playbook</i></p>	<p>Use initiatives like Neighbors Helping Neighbors to improve access to disaster response training, materials, and services, increase awareness of community resources, response networks, and protocol following a disaster event and enhance neighborhood self-reliance following a major disaster.</p>

Effective resilience hub and community preparedness planning requires input from the residents, neighborhood organizations and stakeholders that are disproportionately impacted by hazard events, which includes residents that are African Americans, Latinx, unhoused, have disabilities or mobility challenges, are medically dependent, transit dependent, and/or non-English speaking (see excerpt from the 2030 ECAP Racial Equity Impact Assessment in **Attachment B**).

The PSPS grant funds can be leveraged to engage in effective community preparedness planning while also supporting the City-wide goals outlined above. With Council's approval, the City will develop an agreement for OPRF to collaborate with community stakeholders to support direct grants to neighborhood partners and organizations who have begun initial planning for community resilience hubs, with a priority on communities disproportionately impacted.

FISCAL IMPACT

Pursuant to Resolution No. 88158 C.M.S., PSPS Grant funds were deposited in the State of California Other Fund (2159); Emergency Services Organization (20711); PSPS 2019 Project (1005365); Office of Emergency Services/Homeland Security Program (PS21). This same fund will be used for the OPRF Grant Agreement.

PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST

As detailed in the Community Engagement and Outreach section of the 2030 Equitable Climate Action Plan (ECAP), participants identified neighborhood disaster preparedness as a top priority (see Appendix A of 2030 ECAP). Specifically, community members suggested expanding City and community-led programs that train volunteers, identifying vulnerable populations and develop emergency plans, in partnership with emergency response agencies.

In addition, the [NorCal Resilience Network](#) will partner with the City to identify potential grant recipients from their [2021 Resilience Hub Leadership Training](#) cohort based on co-designed criteria.

COORDINATION

The City Administrator's Office, Public Works Department, Fire Department and Mayor's Office have been partnering on the PSPS Grant and the community preparedness funding.

The Office of the City Attorney and the City's Budget Bureau were also consulted in the preparation of this report and resolution.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: The OPRF agreement will allow PSPS grant funds to be sub-granted to smaller neighborhood organizations that are often unable to receive direct municipal funding due to administrative constraints.

Environmental: The OPRF agreement will advance goals from the 2030 Equitable Climate Action Plan and 2016 Resilience Playbook. For example, resilience hubs improve outdoor and indoor air quality, promote the use of zero-emission vehicles, maintain available green space, and offer onsite renewable energy production and energy storage to keep critical systems on during power outages.

Race & Equity: This work aligns with the desired outcomes outlined in the 2030 ECAP's Racial Equity Impact Assessment, which aims to ensure majority POC communities have an equal or greater amount of resilience hubs and access to resilience resources as majority white communities.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff Recommends That City Council Adopt A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator Or Designee To Accept and Appropriate Funds From The California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) In The Amount Of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) For Technical Assistance To Support The Implementation Of The Better Neighborhoods, Same Neighbors Initiative.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Alexandria McBride, Chief Resilience Officer at 510-238-6454.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments (2):

A: PSPS Grant Agreement with Cal OES

B: 2030 Equitable Climate Action Plan (ECAP) Racial Equity Impact Assessment