

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER ROWENA BROWN

ADOPT A RESOLUTION:

(1) AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 90475 C.M.S., WHICH AUTHORIZED FUNDING FOR THE HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PILOT PROGRAM GRANT TO BAY AREA COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FOUR MILLION DOLLARS (\$4,000,000.00) AND GRANT TERM THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026 TO:

(A) EXTEND THE GRANT TERM TO JUNE 30, 2027; AND

(B) AUTHORIZE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT, APPROPRIATE, AND INCREASE THE GRANT AGREEMENT USING ANY COUNTY, STATE, FEDERAL, AND/OR PRIVATE FUNDING THAT BECOMES AVAILABLE FOR BACS' HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PILOT PROGRAM DURING THE TERM OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT, WITHOUT RETURN TO COUNCIL; AND

(C) AUTHORIZE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO INCREASE THE GRANT AGREEMENT DURING THE TERM USING LOCAL FUNDS THAT CITY COUNCIL HAS APPROPRIATED SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS PURPOSE; AND

(2) DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PRESENT AN ANNUAL INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON THE HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PILOT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Bay Area Community Services, Inc. (BACS) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (ID # 587204) dedicated to working with vulnerable populations in Oakland who are at extreme risk of losing their housing by providing wraparound services and financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2024, the City Council adopted the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 midcycle budget (Resolution No. 90326 C.M.S), that appropriated funds for the expenditures proposed by said budget; and

WHEREAS, the Adopted Midcycle Budget for FY 2024-2025 appropriated two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) in FY 2024-2025 from Affordable Housing Trust Fund (1870), Homelessness Prevention Pilot Project (1007395) to administer the Homelessness Prevention Pilot Program; and

WHEREAS, BACS was selected through a Request for Proposal process to administer the Homelessness Prevention Pilot Program since February 2, 2023; and

WHEREAS, BACS' initial agreement ended December 31, 2024, and the total amount of \$2,305,293.31 was fully expended; and

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2024, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 90475 to grant an additional \$2 million to Bay Area Community Services, Inc. to fund the Homelessness Prevention Pilot Program in FY 2024-2025, with authorization to extend the grant to FY 2025-2026 contingent on the future availability of funding; and

WHEREAS, the Homelessness Prevention Pilot Program is administered effectively by BACS and they have established they are successfully able to prevent homelessness by offering emergency financial assistance and support services, preventing 374 households from losing their housing since the beginning of the program; and

WHEREAS, extending operation of the Homelessness Prevention Pilot Program to FY 25-26 and 26-27 will require additional funds beyond those previously appropriated by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to extend the operation of this highly effective program through FY 26-27 contingent on the future availability of funding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland may in the future receive new county, state, federal funds and/or private donations for homelessness prevention that can contribute towards the ongoing operation of this program, and the City Council may act to appropriate additional local funds to this program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to expedite the issuance of future grant funding to improve the lives of Oakland community members; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2023, the City Council passed the Shelter Crisis Ordinance (Ordinance 13759 C.M.S.) which, among other things, allows the City Administrator to renew existing grant agreements with homeless service providers that meet the performance outcomes specified in such agreements, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 above the previous fiscal year amount using funding sources appropriated for emergency shelter or transitional housing programs, and staff will rely on the Shelter Crisis Ordinance, if still in effect at the end of the term of the grant, for future extensions, if all requirements are met; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council amends Resolution No. 90475 to extend the term of the grant to BACS to administer the Homelessness Prevention Pilot Program to June 30, 2027; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby appropriates, and authorizes the City Administrator to enter into agreements to accept county, state, federal, and/or private funding, to a Grant Fund To Be Determined (TBD), Project To Be Determined (TBD), that becomes available during the term of the BACS Homelessness Prevention Pilot Program for the specific purpose of preventing homelessness; however, this action shall not appropriate funding sources that are currently used for ongoing homelessness programming by Community Homelessness Division (CHS) of the Oakland Department of Human Services, such as State Homeless, Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) funding or United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care funding; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council authorizes the City Administrator to amend the grant agreement with BACS for the Homelessness Prevention Pilot Program to increase the not to exceed amount of the grant by an amount corresponding to (1) any additional county, state, federal, or private funding that becomes available for the Homelessness Prevention Pilot Program for the same purposes as the original grant agreement and (2) any additional local funding that the City Council has appropriated for the Homelessness Prevention Pilot Program for the same purposes as the original grant agreement, during the term of the grant agreement, without return to Council; 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; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is hereby directed to prepare and present an annual informational report on the outcomes and effectiveness of the Homelessness Prevention Pilot Program, to be scheduled for consideration by the City Council Community and Economic Development Committee no later than March 31 of each calendar year, beginning in 2026.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROWN, FIFE, GALLO, HOUSTON, RAMACHANDRAN, UNGER, WANG, AND
PRESIDENT JENKINS

NOES –
ABSENT –
ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

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