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TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Daniel Lindheim
FROM: Department of Human Services
DATE: December 2, 2008

RE: **Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to Accept and Appropriate \$100,000 from the Evelyn & Walter Haas Jr. Fund for Coordination, Technical Assistance, Training and Capacity Building for Measure Y Mayor's Street Outreach Program, Community Policing Officers and Other Measure Y Providers**

SUMMARY

The Department of Human Services has secured a grant for \$100,000 for the second year from the Walter and Evelyn Haas, Jr. Fund to provide critical support for the Mayor's Street Outreach Program and to build capacity to coordinate services and programs funded under Measure Y, the Violence Prevention and Public Safety Act of 2004. Specifically, this grant will support the oversight and continued implementation of the Street Outreach Program and the convening of violence prevention grantees by neighborhood with their public safety partners to improve working relationships and effectiveness. The grant will also support technical assistance and training for grantees and activities to improve community and police relationships.

FISCAL IMPACTS

The Department of Human Services will support the current Violence Prevention Network Coordinator (1.00 FTE) who supports the Mayor's Street Outreach Program. Accepting these funds fully cost covers the coordinator, including all applicable fringe benefit and overhead costs. Funds will be appropriated in Private Grants Fund (2190), Department of Human Services Administration Org (78111), Evelyn & Walter Haas, Jr. Project (G312910), Fostering Safe and Healthy Communities Program (SC22). There is no impact on the General Fund.

BACKGROUND

Haas Jr. Fund has long invested in Oakland, in particular being a partner with the Annie Casey Foundation in the Lower San Antonio Making Change project over the past years. The Hass Jr. Fund also has a particular interest in violence prevention and works closely with many localities, including San Francisco, on this issue. The passage of Measure Y presented an opportune time

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to initiate a partnership with Oakland in this program area. The Department of Human Services and the Oakland Police Department are working with the Haas Jr. Fund on the integration and capacity building of Measure Y programs, especially street outreach. The initial grant was for \$170,000 and supported the Violence Prevention Network Coordinator position, starting in 2006, as well as launching a pilot street outreach team prior to the current Street Outreach contracts being implemented.

With over \$6 million dollars invested in violence prevention programs, it is important that the various strategies that are funded work together to serve the youth and young adults who are on the streets and most at risk of injury from gun violence. It is also important that community policing officers assigned to neighborhoods are seen as partners for the providers and that the services funded are used as resources by the officers. A component of this work involves identifying ways to build the trust among community members, provider agencies and the Police Department.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

With this generous grant from the Haas Jr. Fund, the Department of Human Services proposes to maintain the current Violence Prevention Network Coordinator position. The Coordinator is responsible for the training and development of the Mayor's Street Outreach strategy. The Coordinator works directly with the contracted outreach workers conducting regular training, coordination and oversight. The Network Coordinator also trains police officers, probation and parole agents on the services available through Measure Y and other resources. The Coordinator is also responsible for convening and facilitating Measure Y grantees and community policing resources by geographic area (East, West, and Central) to facilitate their ability to work together and share best practices information. This includes the development of protocols for referring clients from one agency to another, working agreements, outreach materials, introduction of outreach workers at police line-ups, etc.

The funding is for one year (2008) with the possibility of additional funding in a lesser amount for a third and final year (2009). The Network Coordinator was hired and has worked for over a year and a half from the first year grant funds that were made available to the City of Oakland in late 2006.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: There is no direct economic opportunity in this grant. Although violence prevention work supports improved outcomes for the most vulnerable Oakland residents and works to assist them in reaching economic independence and reducing the need for investments in criminal justice activities.

Environmental: There are no environmental opportunities in this grant.

Social Equity: Indirectly, this grant supports and improves grantees whose goal is to reduce violence in the community by improving the life circumstances of young people. The services being supported include employment programs that have a direct link to improving social equity.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

All activities sponsored by this grant will be fully accessible.


RECOMMENDATIONS AND RATIONALE

Staff recommends that the City Council accept and appropriate \$100,000 from the Evelyn & Walter Haas Jr. Fund for coordination, technical assistance, training and capacity building for Measure Y Mayor's Street Outreach Program, community policing officers and other Measure Y providers.


ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

That City Council approve a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to accept and appropriate \$100,000 from the Evelyn & Walter Haas Jr. Fund for coordination, technical assistance, training and capacity building for Measure Y Providers and Community Policing Officers.

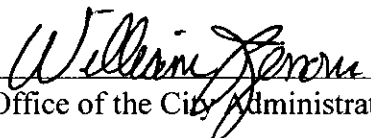
Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED FOR FORWARDING TO
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

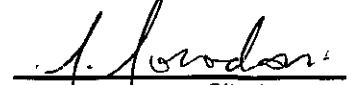


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Approved as to Form and Legality


City Attorney

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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$100,000 FROM THE EVELYN & WALTER HAAS JR. FUND FOR COORDINATION, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING FOR MEASURE Y MAYOR'S STREET OUTREACH PROGRAM, COMMUNITY POLICING OFFICERS AND OTHER PROVIDERS

WHEREAS, Oakland voters passed Measure Y, the Violence Prevention and Public Safety Act of 2004 , a ten year initiative providing funding to violence prevention services including community based prevention programs, street outreach and community policing officers; and,

WHEREAS, the Walter and Evelyn Haas Jr. Fund generously awarded a grant to the Department of Human Services for \$170,000 for 2007 which successfully launched the City's street outreach effort aimed at reducing street level violence, building better coordination among providers and with law enforcement; and,

WHEREAS, the Walter and Evelyn Haas Jr. Fund has made available to the Department of Human Services an additional grant for the second year in the amount of \$100,000 for 2008 and with the possibility of additional funding in a lesser amount for a third and final year, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services wishes to use these funds to continue to support the current Violence Prevention Coordinator position that provides technical support, training and oversight to the Mayor's Street Outreach program and provides coordination and training on prevention services to the Oakland Police Department; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to accept and appropriate the aforesaid grant in the amount of \$100,000 to support capacity building, technical assistance and training for the street outreach program and other Measure Y funded services in 2008 and 2009; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the aforementioned grant funds in the amount of \$100,000 will be appropriated in Private Grants Fund (2190), Department of Human Services Administration Org (78111), Evelyn & Walter Haas, Jr. Project (G312910), Fostering Safe and Healthy Communities Program (SC22); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to accept and appropriate any additional funding related to this grant that may become available.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID and
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____

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