


CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION WAIVING THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S LOCAL AND SMALL LOCAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND AWARDING A NEW PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO HEALING CHANGE THERAPY AND CONSULTING, INC. FOR CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000) FOR A TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2025.

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland's Department of Violence Prevention (DVP) is tasked with reducing group and gun violence, gender-based violence, commercial sexual exploitation, and trauma associated with these forms of violence in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the DVP employs direct service staff who deliver services to Oakland residents who have been impacted by violence in the areas of violent incident crisis response and family coaching; and

WHEREAS, DVP direct service staff experience vicarious trauma and compassion fatigue through their work and desire clinical mental health services to process and heal from their experiences; and

WHEREAS, the DVP released a request for qualifications (RFQ) for clinical and holistic mental health services on August 4, 2023, for applications due on August 31, 2023, and posted the solicitation on the DVP's website, shared the opportunity via email with community organizations funded by the DVP, and posted the solicitation in the East Bay Times; and

WHEREAS, the DVP received two responses to the RFQ for clinical mental health services – one from Healing Change Therapy and Consulting, Inc. and one from Sister to Sister 2, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Workplace and Employment Standards (DWES) set the Local/Small Local Business Enterprise (L/SLBE) Program requirement to 20% for this project after completing an availability analysis that identified one firm certified through the program to provide mental health services; and

WHEREAS, the DVP has an existing contract with Healing Change Therapy and Consulting, Inc. for clinic mental health services for the term of June 30, 2023, to December 31, 2023, in the total amount of Twenty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$24,850); and

WHEREAS, DVP direct service staff unanimously report positive experiences receiving services from Healing Change Therapy and Consulting, Inc., which is operated by a woman of color; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council finds and determines that based upon the reasons stated above and in the City Administrator's report accompanying this resolution it is in the best interest of the City to waive the L/SLBE Program requirements and authorize the City Administrator to enter into a contract with Healing Change Therapy and Consulting, Inc. for an amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for a term ending June 30, 2025; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That funds for this professional service agreement will be available in the amount of \$100,000 from the Department of Health and Human Services fund (2128), Department of Human Services: Administration Organization (78111), SAMHSA 09-29-24 FY24 Project (1006738), Fostering Safe and Healthy Communities Program (SC22), and

FURTHER RESOLVED: That funds for this professional service agreement will be available in the amount of \$9,174 from the California Board of Corrections fund (2152), Oakland Unite Organization (70211), CALVIP 22-25 Project (1006525), Fostering Safe and Healthy Communities Program (SC22), and

FURTHER RESOLVED: That funds for this professional service agreement will be available in the amount of \$40,826 from the General Fund: General Purpose Fund (1010), Oakland Unite Organization (70211), Reimagining Public Safety Project (1006367), Fostering Safe and Healthy Communities Program (SC22), and

FURTHER RESOLVED: That prior to execution, all agreements shall be reviewed and approved as to form and legality by the Office of the City Attorney and placed on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, JENKINS, KALB, KAPLAN, RAMACHANDRAN, REID, AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

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