



City Attorney

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

A RESOLUTION:

- 1. AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 87729 C.M.S. TO REAPPROPRIATE \$185,000 IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED TO THE CITY'S HOUSING ASSISTANCE CENTER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 ANTI-DISPLACEMENT PROGRAM TO EAST BAY COMMUNITY LAW CENTER FOR ANTI-DISPLACEMENT WORK TO EXPAND ANTI-DISPLACEMENT LEGAL SERVICE DELIVERY INCLUDING LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE CITY'S FAIR CHANCE ACCESS TO HOUSING ORDINANCE; AND**
- 2. AWARDING A TWO-YEAR AGREEMENT TO THE EAST BAY COMMUNITY LAW CENTER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$185,000 TO PROVIDE ANTI-DISPLACEMENT LEGAL SERVICES, INCLUDING LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE CITY'S FAIR CHANCE ACCESS TO HOUSING ORDINANCE.**

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland Annual Action Plan for 2019/20 was approved by Oakland City Council Resolution No. 87729 C.M.S., passed on June 4, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Exhibit A to Resolution 87729 includes an allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to the City's Housing Assistance Center (currently known as the Housing Resource Center) for Housing Related Services, including an in-house Anti-displacement Program; and

WHEREAS, \$185,000 of this allocation (line 24 of Exhibit A to Resolution 87729) remains available for anti-displacement services as a program has not been put in place to date; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 87729 also includes the provision of fair housing/anti-displacement services through a contract with the East Bay Community Law Center ("EBCLC") and the need for said services has increased as the housing crisis remains unabated and the COVID-19 health pandemic is exacerbating this situation, resulting in ongoing threats to housing insecurity among Oakland's low-income residents and most particularly the African American community; and

WHEREAS, Oakland City Council Ordinance No. 13581 C.M.S., passed January 21, 2020, added Chapter 8.25, known as the Fair Chance Access To Housing Ordinance, to the Oakland Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Chance Access To Housing Ordinance limits the use of criminal history in screening applications for rental housing; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Chance Access to Housing Ordinance is a critical tool to prevent the displacement of formerly incarcerated individuals and family members and will promote housing security; and

WHEREAS, staff finds that ensuring full utilization of the Fair Chance Access to Housing Ordinance will be best facilitated through the provision of free legal services and that EBCLC and its anti-displacement activities can serve this function; and

WHEREAS, staff seeks approval to redirect \$185,000 of the 2019/20 CDBG allocation for anti-displacement services to the East Bay Community Law Center to carry out anti-displacement activities including legal services related to the Fair Chance Access to Housing Ordinance for a two-year period on behalf of the City; and

WHEREAS, the reallocation of \$185,000 in CDBG funds from Oakland's Housing Assistance Center to East Bay Community Law Center, will be added to the 2020/21 Annual Action Plan section of the City's 2020/21 - 2024/25 Consolidated Plan to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development as early as June 29, 2020 and no later than August 16, 2020; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That City Council Resolution No. 87729 C.M.S. is amended to reduce the amount of CDBG funds allocated to Housing Assistance Center for Housing Related Services (Fund 2108; Organization 89949; Account [Miscellaneous]; Project 1004815) by \$185,000; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That City Council hereby reallocates the \$185,000 in CDBG funds removed from 2019/20 Housing Assistance Center/Housing Related Services program (in-house anti-displacement services) to the East Bay Community Law Center for legal services to be provided during FYs 2020/21-2021/22 related to the Fair Chance Access to Housing Ordinance (Fund 2108; Organization 89949; Account 54912; Project 1004815); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council awards a two-year agreement to East Bay Community Law Center in an amount not to exceed \$185,000 as set forth in **Exhibit A** (line 39) attached hereto and in the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That prior to execution all agreements shall be reviewed and approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That executed copies of all agreements shall be filed with the City Clerk.

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IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON-MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

ASHA REED
Acting City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, CA