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AGENDA REPORT

Date: Thursday, November 20, 2025

To: Honorable City Council and Members of the Rules & Legislation Committee

From: Office of Mayor Barbara Lee

Contact: Esther Morales, Director of Innovation, emorales@oaklandca.gov

RE: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE EAST

BAY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$279,000) TO SUPPORT

TWO STAFF POSITIONS IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the accompanying resolution (#3447375v2) authorizing the City Administrator to accept and appropriate funds from the East Bay Community Foundation, in an amount not to exceed \$279,000 into Fund 2190 – Private Grants, Org 01111 – Mayor: Administration, Program IP01 – Mayor's Support, consistent with the grant terms and the City's financial management policies. The funding will fully support personnel expenditures for the two positions. These positions will help build the City's capacity for public-private partnership development, data integration, and technology-enabled service delivery. Staff further recommends authorizing the City Administrator, or designee, to execute all grant agreements and related documents necessary to receive and administer the funds and to take any actions required to implement the intent of the resolutions.

Executive Summary

The East Bay Community Foundation (EBCF) has awarded a total of \$279,000 in philanthropic grant funding to the City of Oakland to support two critical positions within the Office of the Mayor: the Director of Innovation and the Director of Data and Technology Transformation.

These funds will enhance the City's capacity to advance public-private partnerships and integrate data-driven solutions across municipal departments. The Director of Innovation leads the development of a citywide innovation strategy rooted in cross-sector collaboration, civic problem



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solving, and equity-first approaches, while the Director of Data and Technology Transformation strengthens the City's ability to leverage data, analytics, and modern technology tools to improve service delivery, transparency, and performance. By accepting and appropriating these funds, the City ensures continued progress on high-impact initiatives that directly and positively impact the lives of Oakland residents while minimizing reliance on the General Fund.

For questions about this report, contact Esther Morales, Director of Innovation, Office of Mayor Barbara Lee, emorales@oaklandca.gov.