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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Sabrina B. Landreth
City Administrator

FROM: Sara Bedford
Director, Human Services

SUBJECT: Family Front Door Additional Funds

DATE: March 17, 2017

City Administrator Approval

Date:

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3/28/17

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends That The City Council Adopt A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator To:

- 1. Amend The Permanent Access To Housing (PATH) Grant With Cornerstone Community Development Corporation DBA Building Futures With Women And Children To Increase The Grant Amount By Up To \$120,000 For The Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Grant Year For The Provision Of Rapid Rehousing Services To Literally Homeless Families From Oakland; And**
- 2. Increase The Amount Of The Grant Agreement With The Oakland Housing Authority By Up To \$89,135.90 For The Grant Term Of November 1, 2016 Through October 31, 2017 For The Administration Of Rapid Rehousing Subsidies For Homeless Families In Oakland.**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This resolution authorizes an increase in the PATH grant award to Building Futures with Women and Children (BFWC) in the amount of \$120,000 for the remainder of their Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2017 contract year and an increase of \$89,135.90 in the grant award to the Oakland Housing Authority to provide rapid rehousing subsidy funds for Homeless Families. Approval of this report and resolution will provide additional funding towards the City's work to end family homelessness in Oakland.

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BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

In October 2015, the City of Oakland, along with its partners, Building Futures with Women and Children (BFWC), East Oakland Community Project (EOCP), and the Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) started the Family Front Door (FFD), Oakland's Coordinated Entry System for Homeless Families. The FFD provides a single point of entry for all families in Oakland who are experiencing a housing crisis. Literally homeless families (sleeping outside or in their cars) are assessed and prioritized for a range of interventions including shelter, interim housing, rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing. The majority of literally homeless families are assisted with rapid rehousing assistance. Non-literally homeless families are provided with referrals and assistance to maintain or locate housing outside of the homeless services system. The funding for the first year of the project included a new Housing Urban Development (HUD) Rapid Rehousing grant along with County Boomerang Rapid Rehousing funds and Oakland PATH funds. BFWC and EOCP provide the services in this collaboration and the subsidy funds are administered by the Oakland Housing Authority.

In the first year of program operations, the Family Front Door conducted intakes with 95 literally homeless households, which included 103 adults and 159 minor children. The program housed 41 literally homeless families in its first year through Rapid Rehousing subsidies and an additional 20 families were referred to Transitional Housing and family shelter beds. Over 20 homeless families are currently working with staff in a housing search process.

ANALYSIS

Now in its second year of operation, the FFD has effectively continued to provide housing subsidies to high numbers of literally homeless Oakland families. Due to current high housing demand, landlords are able to require a double deposit along with the first month's rent in order for families to obtain an apartment. Due to high rents, families are in need of subsidies for a longer amount of time before they are able to increase their income sufficiently to cover their own rental payments. Therefore, subsidy dollars do not stretch as far as they might in a more stable housing market. The proposed resolution would add Rapid Rehousing funds to the Family Front Door to allow the program to maintain its capacity to serve between 30-40 households at any given time.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this resolution will authorize the City Administrator to amend the grant agreement with BFWC to increase the grant by an amount up to \$120,000 for the period of FY 2016-2017 and to amend the grant agreement with OHA to increase the grant by an amount up to \$89,135.90 for the period of November 2016 to October 2017.

Funding to support the increases will come from the following sources:

North County Family Rapid Rehousing Program		
Agency	Amount	Funding
BFWC	\$120,000	General Purpose Fund (1010), Community Housing Services Organization (78411), Homeless/ PATH High Priority Areas Project (1000434) and Fostering Safe and Healthy Communities Program (SC22)
Total BFWC	\$120,000	
OHA	\$34,200	General Purpose Fund (1010), Community Housing Services Organization (78411), Homeless/ PATH High Priority Areas Project (1000434) and Fostering Safe and Healthy Communities Program (SC22)
	\$54,935.90	HUD-CDBG Fund (2108), Community Housing Services Organization (78411), FY 2015-2016 Community Services Block Grant PATH Set Aside Project (1000431), Fostering Safe and Healthy Communities Program (SC22)
Total OHA	\$89,135.90	

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

This report did not require public outreach other than the posting of this report on the website.

COORDINATION

Coordination has occurred between the Human Services Department (HSD), the Office of the City Attorney, and Controller's Bureau in the preparation of this report and resolution.

PAST PERFORMANCE, EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

In its first year of operation from September 2015-October 2016, the Family Front Door had the following outcomes:

- screened, prioritized, enrolled or diverted – 680 calls.
- 41 literally homeless families have been rapidly re-housed.
- At the end of the program year, 80 percent of people served by the FFD program had either remained in the program or exited to permanent housing.

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SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: As noted in the report, all funds identified in this report are for the purpose of providing housing and services to the homeless to eliminate and prevent homelessness. Such outcomes are achieved through rapid rehousing assistance

Environmental: The provision of housing for at-risk and homeless persons is intended to address the environmental degradation caused by homeless families and individuals precariously housed or living on the streets.

Social Equity: The expenditure of these funds is targeted to the most vulnerable and at-risk populations in this City and is providing essential and basic human services, housing and support.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff Recommends That The City Council Adopt A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator To:

1. Amend The Permanent Access To Housing (PATH) Grant With Cornerstone Community Development Corporation DBA Building Futures With Women And Children To Increase The Grant Amount By Up To \$120,000 For The Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Grant Year For The Provision Of Rapid Rehousing Services To Literally Homeless Families From Oakland; And
2. Increase The Amount Of The Grant Agreement With The Oakland Housing Authority By Up To \$89,135.90 For The Grant Term Of November 1, 2016 Through October 31, 2017 For The Administration Of Rapid Rehousing Subsidies For Homeless Families In Oakland.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Lara Tannenbaum, Acting Manager, Community Housing Services Division, at 238-6187.

Respectfully submitted,


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Director, Human Services Department

COMMUNITY HOUSING SERVICES DIVISION


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Prepared by: Stevan Alvarado, Program Analyst

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Approved as to Form and Legality

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL


City Attorney

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO:

1. AMEND THE PERMANENT ACCESS TO HOUSING (PATH) GRANT WITH CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION DBA BUILDING FUTURES WITH WOMEN AND CHILDREN TO INCREASE THE GRANT AMOUNT BY UP TO \$120,000 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 GRANT YEAR FOR THE PROVISION OF RAPID REHOUSING SERVICES TO LITERALLY HOMELESS FAMILIES FROM OAKLAND; AND
2. INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE OAKLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY BY UP TO \$89,135.90 FOR THE GRANT TERM OF NOVEMBER 1, 2016 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2017 FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF RAPID REHOUSING SUBSIDIES FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES IN OAKLAND

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has an estimated 38 homeless families at any point in time in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City, in alignment with HUD directives, started a Family Coordinated Entry program, the Family Front Door, in October 2015 to assess, prioritize and house literally homeless families from the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the City has partnered with Building Futures for Woman and Children (BFWC) and East Oakland Community Project (EOCP) as the service providers of the Family Front Door and has partnered with the Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) as the subsidy administrator of rapid rehousing funds; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to amend its grant agreement with BFWC to increase the grant amount by up to \$120,000 for the provision of rapid rehousing services to literally homeless families, for a total grant amount of \$336,000 over the three year term; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 85581 C.M.S. authorized a grant agreement with OHA for the administration of rapid rehousing subsidy funds for literally homeless families; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to increase the grant amount for the grant agreement with OHA by up to \$89,135.90 for the administration of rapid rehousing subsidy funds for literally homeless families for the grant term of November 1, 2016 through October 31, 2017 for a total grant amount of \$543,103.54; and

WHEREAS, the City has Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-2016 CDBG funds in the amount of \$54,935.90 available to be used for Rapid Rehousing; and

WHEREAS, through the FY 2015-2017 biennial budget adoption, the City Council allocated \$260,000 per fiscal year in General Purpose Funds towards Homeless/ PATH High Priority Areas budgeted in the General Purpose Fund (1010), Community Housing Services Organization (78411), Homeless/ PATH High Priority Areas Project (1000434) and Fostering Safe and Healthy Communities Program (SC22) and \$70,000 remains unallocated and can be spent on Rapid Rehousing; and

WHEREAS, the City allocated High Priority General Purpose Funds to Abode Services in a FY 2016-2017 grant agreement which will not be fully expended by the end of the fiscal year and the City wishes to amend the agreement to reduce the grant amount and repurpose \$84,200 of those funds to OHA to house additional homeless families; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to amend the grant agreements with service providers for the North County Family Rapid Rehousing Program for FY 2016-2017 as specified in the following table:

North County Family Rapid Rehousing Program		
Agency	Amount	Funding
BFWC	\$120,000	1010.78411.1000434.SC22
Total BFWC	\$120,000	
OHA	\$34,200	1010.78411.1000434.SC22
	\$54,935.90	2108.78411.1000431.SC22
Total OHA	\$89,135.90	

; now therefore be it;

RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to amend the 2014-2017 PATH grant with BFWC to increase the grant amount by up to \$120,000 for FY 2016-2017 grant funds; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is authorized to increase the amount of the grant agreement with OHA by up to \$89,135.90 for the administration of rapid rehousing subsidy funds for literally homeless families for the grant term of November 1, 2016 through October 31, 2017; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That funding to support the grant agreement increases are budgeted and available in the General Purpose Fund (1010), Community Housing Services Organization (78411), Homeless/ PATH High Priority Areas Project (1000434) and Fostering Safe and Healthy Communities Program (SC22) in the amount of \$154,200 in and in the HUD-CDBG Fund (2108), Community Housing Services Organization (78411), FY 2015-2016 Community Services Block Grant PATH Set Aside Project (1000431), Fostering Safe and Healthy Communities Program (SC22) in the amount of \$54,935.90; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or her designee is hereby authorized to amend the grant agreements with service providers for the North County Family Rapid Rehousing Program for FY 2016-2017 as specified in the following table;

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; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to application, agreements, amendments, modifications, payment requests and related actions which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned grants without returning to Council; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That said grant agreements shall be 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- BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, AND PRESIDENT REID

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____
LATONDA SIMMONS
 City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
 of the City of Oakland, California