

  
City Attorney's Office

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

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### RESOLUTION

1. AUTHORIZING THE USE OF UP TO ONE MILLION, SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$1,689,925) OF HOMELESS HOUSING AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS AWARDED TO OAKLAND BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR OAKLAND'S HOMELESS YOUTH GUARANTEED INCOME PILOT PROGRAM;
2. AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FOUR HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$410,665) TO YOUNG WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER FOR THE PROVISION OF HOMELESS YOUTH GUARANTEED INCOME PLANNING, RECRUITMENT, AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FROM JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024;
3. WAIVING THE COMPETATIVE BIDDING PROCESS AND AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION, TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$1,279,260) TO FII-NATIONAL, DOING BUSINESS AS, UPTOGETHER, TO ADMINISTER THE DIRECT CASH ASSISTANCE TO BE PROVIDED TO HOMELESS YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN THE GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAM FROM JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024;
4. AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, CHAPIN HALL POLICY RESEARCH CENTER TO INCLUDE OAKLAND'S HOMELESS YOUTH GUARANTEED INCOME PILOT PROGRAM IN A NATIONAL RESEARCH STUDY THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024; AND

**5. ACCEPTNG A GIFT OF IN-KIND SERVICES FROM POINT SOURCE YOUTH TO SUPPORT OAKLAND’S HOMELESS YOUTH GUARANTEED INCOME PILOT PROGRAM VALUED AT THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$375,000) AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH POINT SOURCE YOUTH FOR THE PROVISION OF SAID IN-KIND SERVICES THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024.**

**WHEREAS**, The January 2019 EveryOne Home Homeless count indicates that, on any given night, there are an estimated 447 homeless Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) ages 18-24 in Oakland with 75% of youth being unsheltered; and

**WHEREAS**, youth are often considered the hidden homeless and hardest to identify; and due to this fact, it is likely that the 2019 point-in-time count resulted in an undercount of homeless youth; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the increasing economic disparities coupled with the negative impact of COVID-19, it is believed there has been an increase in homeless youth in Oakland since 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 2019 point-in-time count survey, rent increase and other money issues were the two top self-identified causes of homelessness among transitional age youth in Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, homeless data for Oakland shows overwhelming disparities among African American’s experiencing homelessness in the City; 24% of Oakland’s population identifies as Black or African American and 70% of Oakland’s homeless population identifies as Black or African American; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to racial disparities, youth identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning (LGBTQ) make up a high percentage of the youth homeless population at 29% while 18% of the general homeless population identify as LGBTQ; and

**WHEREAS**, experts believe that unconditional cash transfers, also known as Guaranteed Income programs, help curb poverty, provide financial security for communities in need, and improve mental well-being and overall quality of life; all of which are desired components of a response to the disparities faced by Black, Latin, Indigenous and other historically disadvantaged communities identified as people of color; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 20, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 88661 C.M.S., supporting the study and implementation of unconditional guaranteed cash transfer policies and pilots promoting racial equity for low-income Oaklanders at the local, state and national levels; and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to launch its own homeless youth guaranteed income pilot program and participate in a national study of guaranteed income pilot program for homeless youth led by the University of Chicago, Chapin Hall Policy Research Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of the national study of youth guaranteed income pilot programs is to demonstrate that youth guaranteed income programs are successful in ending homelessness among TAY, which will hopefully lead to policy changes on the state and federal level; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 12, 2020, the City Council approved Resolution No. 88109 C.M.S. which, among other things, accepted and appropriated \$19,697,548 in Round One Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP 1) grant funds awarded by the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has been awarded Round Two HHAP (HHAP 2) grant funds in the amount of \$9,311,568; and

**WHEREAS**, the State has allocated \$24,066,822.52 in Round 3 HHAP (HHAP 3) grant funds to the City of Oakland, \$4,813,364.52 of which will be awarded to Oakland immediately and the remainder of which will be awarded to Oakland upon submission of the required application materials; and

**WHEREAS**, recipients of HHAP grant funds, such as the City of Oakland, are required to use at least 8 percent (8%) of the total grant award for services that meet the specific needs of the homeless youth population, also referred to as a mandatory “youth set aside”; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland’s mandatory youth set aside for its HHAP 1, HHAP 2 and HHAP 3 grant funds is \$1,600,000, \$744,925 and \$1,925,346, respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, HHAP youth set aside funds can be used for and will be available for the City’s youth guaranteed income pilot program in Fund (2159), Community Housing Services Org (78411), Project (TBD), Fostering Safe and Healthy Communities Program (SC22); and

**WHEREAS**, in July 2020, the City released a Request for Qualification (“RFQ”) in accordance with Oakland Municipal Code section 2.04.051 for homeless and affordable housing services; and

**WHEREAS**, Young Women’s Freedom Center (“YWFC”) responded to the RFQ and was found to be the most qualified agency to provide supportive services to participants of the homeless youth guaranteed income program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City will be providing direct cash assistance to the youth participating in the guaranteed income pilot program and the City needs assistance administering and disbursing the direct cash assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, there are very few organizations nationally that can provide this type of cash administration assistance and staff has identified one provider, FII-National, doing business as, UpTogether, that is already a part of the national youth guaranteed income study and has a platform

that can help administer, track and evaluate critical economic relief assistance to eligible clients; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to OMC Section 2.04.051.B, the Request for Qualification/Proposal (RFP/Q) process for professional services contracts may be waived by City Council upon finding by Council or its designee that it is in the best interests of the City to do so; and

**WHEREAS**, staff recommends that City Council find that it is in the best interest of the City to waive the RFP/Q process and award a contract to the FII-National, to help administer, track, and evaluate cash transfer payments to homeless transitional aged youth in the guaranteed income program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Administrator has determined that the services to be provided by FII-National are of a professional and temporary nature and shall not result in the loss of employment or salary by any person having permanent status in the competitive service; and

**WHEREAS**, Point Source Youth (“PSY”) is a national organization dedicated to ending youth homelessness, with a special focus on LGBTQ youth and youth of color; and

**WHEREAS**, Point Source Youth has agreed to provide a gift of in-kind services valued at \$375,000 to support Oakland’s Youth Guaranteed Income pilot program; and

**WHEREAS**, the services Point Source Youth has agreed to provide include assisting with program implementation, program design, program launch, quality assurance, and supporting Oakland’s local non-profit partner, YWFC; and

**WHEREAS**, Point Source Youth’s experience and support will help ensure the success of Oakland’s Guaranteed Youth Income pilot program; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**: That the City Administrator is authorized to use up to One Million, Six Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Twenty-Five dollars (\$1,689,925) of HHAP Round One, Two and Three grant funds in Fund (2159), Community Housing Services Org (78411), Project (TBD), Fostering Safe and Healthy Communities Program (SC22) for the homeless youth guaranteed income pilot program; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**: That the City Council hereby awards a professional service agreement to Young Women’s Freedom Center in an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Ten Thousand, Six Hundred Sixty-Five dollars (\$410,665) to provide program planning, youth recruitment, and supportive services to the guaranteed income program participants from January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**: That the City Council finds and determines that for the reasons stated above and in the Agenda Report accompanying this resolution it is in the City’s best interest to waive the RFP/Q process for the contract with FII-National and hereby waives said process; and be it

**FURTHER RESOVLED:** That the City Council awards a professional service agreement to FII-National, doing business as, UpTogether in an amount not to exceed One Million, Two Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand, Two Hundred Sixty dollars (\$1,279,260) to administer and disburse direct cash assistance to homeless youth participating the guaranteed income program from January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That at least \$1,242,000 of the \$1,279,260 contract awarded to FII-National shall be used to provide direct cash assistance to youth participants;

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator is authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Chicago, Chapin Hall Policy Research Center for the purpose including Oakland’s homeless youth guaranteed income program in the national study through June 30, 2024; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Council hereby accepts the gift of in-kind services from Point Source Youth to support Oakland’s homeless youth guaranteed income pilot program valued at Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand dollars (\$375,000) and authorizes the City Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Point Source Youth for the provision of said services through June 30, 2024; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator is authorized to conduct all negotiations; execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to applications, agreements, and payment requests, and to take any other action consistent with this Resolution and its basic purpose; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That prior to execution all agreements authorized by this Resolution shall be reviewed and approved as to form and legality by the Office of the City Attorney and copies shall be place on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

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IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
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City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the  
City of Oakland, California