



AGENDA REPORT

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City Administrator

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SUBJECT: Lao Family Development - Amending
Resolution No. 88983

DATE: June 6, 2022

City Administrator Approval

Date: Jun 15, 2022

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends City Council Adopt A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator To Amend Resolution No. 88983 C.M.S. To Extend The Grant Award Term To Lao Family Development Inc. Through June 30, 2023, For The Provision Of Workforce And Transitional Housing Services.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of the Lao Family Community Development CARE Campus (LFCD CARE Campus) is to provide bridge homes for temporary to permanent housing. Approval to extend this grant award will provide interim housing, supportive services, workforce services and housing placement assistance to 43 participants who are homeless in Oakland. Each participant may be in the program for up to 6 months to complete the program. The year extension will allow two cohorts to complete the program during the one-year contract.

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

On January 18, 2022, Resolution No. 88983 C.M.S., was approved by the City Council awarding Lao Family Community Development Inc, a grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for the provision of temporary housing and support services to assist homeless residents with finding perinate affordable housing and achieving long term financial security.

The LFCD CARE Campus is part of an existing 285 furnished studio campus in East Oakland that has been in successful operation since 2020 and has housed homeless individuals since 2017. LFCD CARE has successfully supported over 550 households in transitioning to permanent affordable housing and acquiring full-time employment throughout Alameda, Contra Costa and Sacramento Counties. Each LFCD CARE Campus participant works with their case management team to develop a job, housing and support plan with a concrete path to become self-sufficient. Services such as on-site case management, career counseling, job readiness, job placement, and retention services are provided.

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Additionally, clients are provided with mental health counseling with community health partners Roots Clinic. Once clients are successfully housed, ongoing case management is provided to ensure housing stability.

Lao Family Community Development Inc. will work in collaboration with the City's established community cabins sites, as well as outreach teams on intakes, and client referrals to support the clients through the process and achieve financial and housing success.

ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES

Due to unforeseen delays executing the contract vital homelessness services scheduled to begin May 16, 2022 through June 30, 2022 have not begun. Therefore, City staff is seeking the authority to extend the grant award term from June 30, 2022, to June 30, 2023, in order to execute the grant agreement with Lao Family Community Development Inc. and complete the work that has been approved for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

To address the urgent crisis of homelessness in Oakland, the City must advance and improve temporary housing options and invest in solutions that provide upgraded conditions for unsheltered residents living on city streets. To meet these goals, Council awarded a grant to Lao Family Community Development Inc., to support homeless residents in Oakland at their CARE Campus. This program will provide bridge homes for temporary to permanent housing as well as employment support to the unsheltered residents. LFCD will partner with agencies to provide employment opportunities, job training, Class B commercial and school bus training, as well as onsite Oakland Workforce Development Board sponsored America's Job and Career Center.

This recommended legislation advances the Citywide Priorities of **housing and economic security** and **holistic community safety**.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for the Lao Family Community Development CARE Campus has already been designated through 88983 C.M.S. to distribute from available carryforward in Measure Q (Fund 2244), Community Housing Services Organization (78411), Measure Q Homeless Project (Project 1005349).

Lao Family Community Development Inc. has been awarded \$1,000,000.00 in one-time funding for the Fiscal Year of 2021-2022 to serve 43-50 homeless individuals. The proposed resolution authorizes the City Administrator to amend the grant term to extend through June 30, 2023.

PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST

No outreach was deemed necessary for the proposed policy action beyond the standard City Council agenda noticing procedures.

COORDINATION

This report and legislation have been reviewed by the Office of the City Attorney and Budget Bureau.

PAST PERFORMANCE, EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

As a provider of services or housing to homeless and at-risk households in Oakland, LFCD shall participate in the system-wide initiative to measure success and report outcomes. LFCD shall collect required information on clients and services provided and enter data into the Alameda County HMIS system or, if exempted from participation, a comparable database. LFCD will be responsible for submitting an Annual Performance Report (APR) and a demographic report- both from HMIS- on a quarterly basis. Per CHS procedures, Staff will analyze programmatic data on a quarterly basis addressing any outcome shortfalls directly with the provider.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: The project's workforce development component will connect unsheltered residents with job training for local Class B commercial and school bus training. The program will also connect participants with the West Oakland Job Resource Center sponsored by America's Job Center's for job placement opportunities. In addition, Oakland's unsheltered residents will receive onsite case management and career counseling, job readiness, and job placement services. The program is designed to transition clients from temporary to permanent housing plans (including roommate-private housing-tax credit, affordable and public housing) to help promote economic well-being.

Environmental: The East 12th St. Median Encampment has experienced significant public safety issues, emergencies, and other notable impacts, including a history of multiple fires, homicides, illegal dumping and sanitation concerns, illegal parking, abandoned vehicles, and electrical wire tapping. This project will improve the overall environmental health and safety of the area while simultaneously providing the unsheltered population options for a more stable home environment.

Race & Equity: The percentage of unsheltered individuals in the recent Point In Time Count for 2022 states that 3,337 individuals are homeless and 47% of unsheltered individuals in Alameda County live in Oakland. The report details the racial/ ethnic breakdown of sheltered homeless individuals in Oakland with 60% being black or African American, 26% being Caucasian, 4% American Indian/ Alaska Indian, 1% Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander, 3% Asian and 16% Latinx/Hispanic.

The participants in the program are those that are unsheltered in and around the East 12th Street Median. Lao Family Community Development Inc. will work with the unsheltered in that area to house them and to minimize displacement. Lao Family Community Development Inc. serves homeless residents from diverse backgrounds with their model of shelter and integrated

services to advance the wellbeing and economic mobility of clients through specialized Employment, Housing, Education, and support services for homeless individuals.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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