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CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO: (1) ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS) SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDS (SAMHSA GRANT) IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND (\$734,000.00) DOLLARS; (2) ACCEPT, APPROPRIATE, AND ADMINISTER SAID SAMHSA GRANT TO FUND THE MOBILE ASSISTANCE COMMUNITY RESPONDERS OF OAKLAND (“MACRO”) PROGRAM COSTS INCLUDING EQUIPMENT, UNIFORMS, AND SOFTWARE**

**WHEREAS**, On March 2, 2021, City Council directed the City Administrator to explore options for expediting the implementation of the 18-month pilot phase of the Mobile Assistance Community Responders of Oakland (MACRO) program; and

**WHEREAS**, The MACRO) program is a response program for non-violent, non-emergency 911 calls designed to meet the needs of the community with a compassionate care first response model grounded in empathy, service, and community; and

**WHEREAS**, MACRO's goal is to reduce responses by police, resulting in fewer arrests and negative interactions, and increased access to community-based services and resources for impacted individuals and families, and with particular consideration of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, The incident calls or “call types” are focused on non-emergency, non-violent, low acuity “quality of life” calls; and

**WHEREAS**, there are currently 14 MACRO personnel broken up into teams of two staffed by an emergency medical technician and a community intervention specialist; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the State Budget Act of 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom approved a budget that included \$10 Million for Oakland's MACRO program to allow the City of Oakland to provide a strong program of civilian crisis responders; and

**WHEREAS,** The Oakland Fire Department, which oversees the MACRO program seeks to enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and;

**WHEREAS,** the Fire Department now seeks to accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to advance this civilian crisis response program; and now therefore be

**RESOLVED,** that the City Council authorizes the City Administrator to enter into a grant agreement to accept U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant funds in the amount of seven hundred thirty-four thousand dollars (\$734,000.00); and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the City Council authorizes the City Administrator to accept, appropriate, and administer said SAMHSA grant funds for the Fire Department's MACRO program so that it may achieve its intended outcomes which include increased connections to community-based services for people in crisis, decreasing negative outcomes from law enforcement response to nonviolent 911 emergency calls, and reduced Oakland Police Department & Oakland Fire Department call volume related to 911 nonviolent calls involving people with behavioral health, substance use, and unsheltered individuals; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the City Council authorizes the City Administrator to expend said funds in accordance with the City's purchasing requirements and programs/policies for the Fire Department to continue the operation of the MACRO program through the pilot period and beyond; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** that said expenditures shall be used to pay for MACRO program start-up expenditures including funding for the following items and purposes:

- Equipping Permanent Vehicles with sufficient equipment to safely administer care and execute the mission and duties of the program as a street outreach team.
- Laptops & Information Technology programs: Motorola radios for the MACROP program, which need to be the same radios with the same frequency access to other first responders in Alameda County, including Police, and Fire, cost approximately \$7,000 each. Furthermore, one laptop is kept in each mobile unit to maintain record keeping throughout the shift. Each laptop, or Toughbook, costs approximately \$3,800. The MACRO program will be using SAMHSA funds for four radios and five laptops to cover the pilot program, the total for which totals \$50,200. Due to approximation of expenditures, MACRO intends to spend \$50,000 on the Laptop and IT expenditure.
- MDT (Mobile Data Connection to Dispatch): The MDT is a technological fee in the amount of \$30,000 required to received data on the back end of the HIPAA sensitive reports to save the MACRO crews time when logging their calls and to reduce input errors. This is a software that the Fire Department uses as well on its calls which will be duplicated in MACRO operations.
- Uniforms: Crew uniforms are necessary to keep the crews safe from their calls, facilitates responders to respond in unhygienic environments, allows them to handle their medical equipment with greater ease, and provides a uniformity to the individual responders for the community to recognize and ultimately keep the responders safe. Their uniforms also identify them in low visibility situations, including when they respond to crises at night.

- ESO software data input: call/incident recording Call and incident recording for incoming complaint calls and outgoing dispatch calls. For quality control, training, and data collection; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this grant shall be appropriated to the Department of Health & Human Services Fund (Fund 2128), the MACRO program Org (Org 20914), project to be determined (TBD), and in Emergency Medical Response Program (Program PS19); and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** that all agreements authorized by this resolution shall be approved for 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 - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, JENKINS, RAMACHANDRAN 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