

CITY OF OAKLAND

FILED  
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK  
OAKLAND

FEB 26 AM 9:07

# AGENDA REPORT

**TO:** JOHN A. FLORES  
INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR

**FROM:** Sara Bedford

**SUBJECT:** 2014-2017 Oakland PATH Rehousing Initiative (OPRI)

**DATE:** February 19, 2015

City Administrator  
Approval

Date

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** City-Wide

## RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to 1) enter into an agreement with the Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) and accept and appropriate funds in the amount of \$1,500,000 each year for fiscal years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to continue implementing the Oakland PATH Rehousing Initiative (OPRI); and 2) enter into grant agreements with service providers for the provision of permanent housing and support services under OPRI for fiscal years 2015-2016, and 2016-2017

## OUTCOME

Adoption of this resolution will authorize the City Administrator to enter in an agreement with OHA in order to receive OPRI funds in the amount of \$1,500,000 each year for Fiscal Years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017, appropriate said funds, and enter into grant agreements with two service providers for the provision of permanent housing and support services under the OPRI program for fiscal years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017. Such adoption would ensure level, if not greater service for the OPRI program serving homeless and near homeless individuals.

Item: \_\_\_\_\_  
Life Enrichment Committee  
March 10, 2015

Approval of this report and resolution will ensure level, if not greater success compared to 2012-2013 outcomes referenced below, for the OPRI program.

Performance during the program/fiscal year 2013-2014:

***Oakland PATH Rehousing Initiative with OHA***

- 139 households received housing subsidies in program/fiscal year 2013-2014.
- 97% of households placed have been housed for more than six (6) months, 90% for a year or more, and 78% for three years or more.
- 193 households have been placed into housing directly from homelessness since the inception of OPRI in year.

**BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

Pursuant to City Council Resolution 83702 C. M. S. adopted February 7, 2012, the City Council authorized the continued implementation of OPRI and the yearly allocations to ABODE Services and First Place for Youth. The OPRI strategy begun in 2010, has successfully housed more than 190 formerly homeless Oakland residents with subsidies provided by the Oakland Housing Authority, and services and program administration provided by service providers under contracts with the City of Oakland. OPRI helps clients living in homeless encampments, exiting the criminal justice system, living in shelters, and emancipating from foster care to move into permanent housing with targeted services and subsidies.

Both agencies are nonprofit organizations with experience in the provision of housing and supportive services in the community. First Place for Youth provides services to the youth and Abode Services assists adults and families.

The City selected the two providers through a Request for Proposal process which solicited proposals from agencies on the provision of rapid re-housing and supportive services to homeless youth and adults.

**ANALYSIS**

Oakland City Council authorization of staff recommendations included in this Council report and resolution supports objectives of the OPRI Strategy, to increase housing opportunities for homeless persons, prevent homelessness and other housing crisis, deliver flexible services to support stability and independence of the City's homeless and near homeless populations.

Item: \_\_\_\_\_  
Life Enrichment Committee  
March 10, 2015

Further, City Council's authorization to enter into funding arrangements, potentially resulting in a substantial increase in resources that will benefit the City's homeless and near homeless populations through rapid rehousing, homeless prevention, shelter diversion, benefits and employment assistance and other needed services to assist people living on the streets into safe, stable and healthy housing condition.

As a result, Oakland will continue to receive \$1,500,000 in OHA funds, leveraged with \$1,095,639 in cash match and in-kind support by OPRI partners. The OPRI program will continue to deliver permanent housing and support services for persons living in homeless encampments, exiting the criminal justice system, residents in shelters, and emancipating from foster care to move into permanent housing with targeted services and subsidies in support of OPRI's ultimate goal of obtaining stable housing and the resources necessary to maintain housing.

**PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST**

This report did not require public outreach other than the posting on the City's website.

**COORDINATION**

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

**COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS**

Approval of this resolution authorizes the acceptance, appropriation, and expenditure of funds up to the following amounts to the agencies listed below for Oakland PATH Rehousing Initiative.

*SOURCE OF FUNDING:*

Funding to support the programs and activities presented in this report will come from the following sources:

| <b>SHP Fund Sources</b>     |                    |                         |                       |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>PROJECT</b>              | <b>AMOUNT</b>      | <b>FUND PROJECT</b>     | <b>GRANTEE</b>        |
| OPRI                        | \$1,291,000        | 2108.78411.G462850.SC22 | ABODE Services        |
| OPRI                        | \$209,000          | 2103.78411.G462970.SC22 | First Place for Youth |
| <b>TOTAL OPRI Contracts</b> | <b>\$1,500,000</b> |                         |                       |

Item: \_\_\_\_\_  
Life Enrichment Committee  
March 10, 2015

**PAST PERFORMANCE, EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP**

For a review period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, agencies recommended for OPRI funding under this report have met, and in some cases exceeded expected outcomes and performance measures.

**SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES**

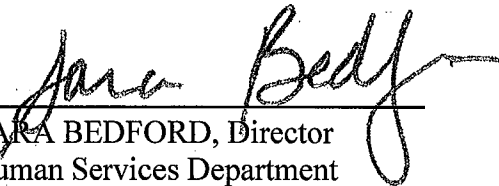
***Economic:*** As noted in the report, all funds identified this report are for the purpose of providing housing and services to the homeless to eliminate and prevent homelessness. Such outcomes are achieved through rapid rehousing assistance, homeless encampment services, outreach and the like.

***Environmental:*** The provision of permanent housing and support services is intended to address the environmental degradation caused by homeless 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.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Susan Shelton, Community Housing Services Manager, at 238-6186.

Respectfully submitted,

  
SARA BEDFORD, Director  
Human Services Department

COMMUNITY HOUSING SERVICES DIVISION  
Reviewed by: Susan Shelton, Manager  
Prepared by: Stevan Alvarado

Item: \_\_\_\_\_  
Life Enrichment Committee  
March 10, 2015

FILED  
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK  
OAKLAND  
15 FEB 26 AM 9:07

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) ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OAKLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY (OHA) AND ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500,000 EACH YEAR FOR FISCAL YEARS 2015-2016 AND 2016-2017 TO CONTINUE IMPLEMENTING THE OAKLAND PATH RE-HOUSING INITIATIVE (OPRI); AND 2) ENTER INTO GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR THE PROVISION OF PERMANENT HOUSING AND SUPPORT SERVICES UNDER OPRI FOR FISCAL YEARS 2015-2016, AND 2016-2017**

**WHEREAS**, Oakland City Council Resolution No. 79923 C.M.S. authorizes the development and implementation of the City of Oakland's Permanent Access to Housing (PATH) strategy to end homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the PATH strategy, the Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) has partnered with the City since July 2010, to implement the Oakland PATH Re-Housing Initiative (OPRI) to fund rental housing subsidies for homeless individuals living in encampments, individuals exiting the criminal justice system and youths on probation; and

**WHEREAS**, to implement OPRI the City of Oakland enters into grant agreements with ABODE Services and First Place for Youth which provide permanent housing and support services to homeless single adults, and transition aged youth under the OPRI program; and

**WHEREAS**, the OHA Sponsor Based Housing Assistance Program is a one year funding cycle and City staff expects that the City of Oakland will receive the same amounts for Fiscal Years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017, and seeks authorization to accept and appropriate those funds as they become available; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to execute a grant agreement with ABODE Services in the amount of \$1,291,000 for housing search and placement, annual housing inspections, and landlord/tenant mediations to homeless adults for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and 2016-2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to execute a grant agreement with First Place for Youth in the amount of \$209,000 for housing search and placement, annual housing inspections, and landlord/tenant mediations to transition aged-youth for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and 2016-2017; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with OHA for the implementation of OPRI for Fiscal Years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator or his designee is hereby authorized to accept and appropriate OHA Sponsor Based Housing Assistance Program funds in the amount of \$1,500,000 each year for Fiscal Years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017, and to increase or reduce these appropriations depending on the exact OHA award without returning to Council; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator or his designee is hereby authorized to negotiate and enter into a grant agreement with ABODE Services in an amount not to exceed \$1,291,000 for housing search and placement, annual housing inspections, and landlord/tenant mediations for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and 2016-2017; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator or his designee is hereby authorized to negotiate and enter into a grant agreement with First Place for Youth in an amount not to exceed \$209,000 for housing search and placement, annual housing inspections, and landlord/tenant mediations for fiscal year 2015-2016 and 2016-2017; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator or his designee is hereby authorized to negotiate, submit and execute all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, contracts, grant agreements, amendments, payment requests, reports, and related actions for the completion of these programs for Fiscal Years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 without returning to Council; and be it,

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the above agreements shall be reviewed and approved by the Office of the City Attorney for form and legality 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, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, AND  
PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

**LATONDA SIMMONS**  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
of the City of Oakland, California