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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Sabrina B. Landreth
City Administrator

FROM: Stephanie Hom
Deputy City Administrator

SUBJECT: Grant for Centro Legal de la Raza to
Support Unaccompanied Minors

DATE: October 27, 2015

City Administrator Approval

Date:

10/28/15

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council Adopt A Resolution To Amend Resolution No. 85218 To Increase The Grant Award To Centro Legal De La Raza By Up To \$300,000 For A Total Grant Amount Not To Exceed \$877,231, Through June 30, 2017, To Provide Legal Services To Central American Unaccompanied Children In Oakland That Have Fled To The United States To Escape Violent And Other Oppressive Conditions In Their Countries

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City Council is being asked to consider a resolution that will authorize the City Administrator to amend an existing grant agreement with Centro Legal de la Raza that will increase the grant amount by up to \$300,000 for a total grant amount not to exceed \$877,231. The purpose of the grant agreement is to support legal immigration, child and family welfare, and other services for unaccompanied children from Central America seeking asylum. The original grant agreement was executed on November 21, 2014 and expires on November 20, 2015. With this amendment, the grant agreement will be extended through June 30, 2017 to coincide with the City's FY 2015-17 Adopted Budget.

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

On October 21, 2014, the City Council approved Resolution No. 85218 C.M.S. authorizing a grant in the amount of \$577,231 to Centro Legal de la Raza to be used to provide legal services to Central American unaccompanied children in Oakland that have fled to the United States to escape violent and other oppressive conditions in their countries. Subsequently, an amount of \$577,231 was identified and the Grant Agreement between the City of Oakland and Centro Legal de la Raza was entered into on November 21, 2014 and expires on November 20, 2015. The report that accompanied the agenda item is provided for informational purposes as **Attachment B.**

On June 30, 2015, the City Council approved Resolution No. 85672 C.M.S., which authorized the Fiscal Year 2015-17 biennial budget and appropriated \$300,000 from the Fund 1010

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General Purpose Fund for a legal immigration, child and family welfare, and other support grant to assist unaccompanied minors.

The Oakland Municipal Code 2.07.020 states that, "Notwithstanding any authority granted herein, all grant awards made from money or funds donated, given or granted to the city from any public or private source shall be approved by the City Council regardless of the amount of grant award."

ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES

Centro Legal de la Raza, on behalf of the Oakland Collaborative for Unaccompanied Minors and Migrant Families, has provided a summary of services provided under the original grant agreement for the period November 2014 to September 2015, under **Attachment C**. Funds in the amount of \$577,231 under the original grant agreement will be expended by the expiration of the agreement on November 20, 2015.

With the additional amount of funding of up to \$300,000, Centro Legal de la Raza agrees to ensure that the following deliverables are achieved within one year by the Oakland Unaccompanied Minor Collaborative. The Oakland Unaccompanied Minor Collaborative will be led by Centro Legal de la Raza and composed of Centro Legal de la Raza, Catholic Charities of the East Bay, East Bay Sanctuary Covenant, Immigration Center for Women and Children, and East Bay Community Law Center. Centro Legal de la Raza proposes that as a collaborative the following will occur using the additional \$300,000 in funding:

- 270 unaccompanied minors (UACs) and/or families with young children who reside in Oakland and who fled violence in Central America will receive a free legal consultation by an immigration attorney. Young families with children who reside in Oakland will be defined as at least one parent with at least one child under the age of 18,
- 180 UACs and/or families with young children who reside in Oakland will receive free full legal representation in with any potential asylum or Special Immigrant Juvenile Status case,
- Attorneys from the collaborative will staff the expedited children's removal docket at the San Francisco Immigration Court once a week during morning and afternoon dockets,
- The collaborative partners will meet on a quarterly basis to review services provided and ensure coordination of services and a report will be provided to the City Council through city staff, and
- 12 immigration legal clinics will be held at schools, churches, and/or community centers in Oakland.

As the lead agency, Centro Legal de la Raza has contractual agreements with the other members of the Oakland Collaborative for Unaccompanied Minors. The budget for the additional amount of \$300,000 is expected to be allocated by Centro Legal de la Raza as follows:

Agency	Amount
Centro Legal de la Raza (Lead Agency)	\$160,000
East Bay Sanctuary Covenant	94,000
Catholic Charities of the East Bay	23,000
Immigration Center for Women and Children	15,000
East Bay Community Law Center	8,000
Total	\$300,000

FISCAL IMPACT

The FY 2015-17 Adopted Budget includes a \$300,000 appropriation in the General Purpose Fund (1010), City Administrator: Administration Org (02111), Contract Contingencies Account (54011), Legal Support for Unaccompanied Minors Project (A490815), One-Time Rev & Exp Appropriations Program (1TYM) for a legal support grant to assist unaccompanied minors.

PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST

At this time, no outreach was deemed necessary for the proposed policy action beyond the standard City Council agenda noticing procedures.

COORDINATION

This report has been written in coordination with staff from Councilmember Gallo's office and the Contracts and Compliance Office. The resolution has been reviewed by the Office of the City Attorney.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: There are no direct economic opportunities associated with this report.

Environmental: There are no direct environmental opportunities associated with this report.

Social Equity: The approval of the resolution supports the provision of legal representation for unaccompanied children in Oakland from Central America seeking asylum.

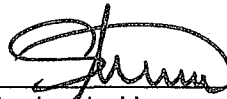
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ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

It is recommended that the City Council approve the Resolution to Amend Resolution No. 85218 To Increase The Grant Award To Centro Legal De La Raza By Up To \$300,000 For A Total Grant Amount Not To Exceed \$877,231, Through June 30, 2017, To Provide Legal Services To Central American Unaccompanied Children In Oakland That Have Fled To The United States To Escape Violent And Other Oppressive Conditions In Their Countries.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Stephanie Hom, Deputy City Administrator at (510) 238-7542.

Respectfully submitted,



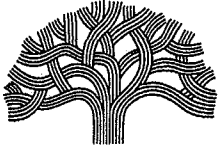
Stephanie Hom
Deputy City Administrator
City Administrator's Office

Attachments (3):

- A. Resolution To Amend Resolution No. 85218 To Increase The Grant Award To Centro Legal De La Raza By Up To \$300,000 For A Total Grant Amount Not To Exceed \$877,231, Through June 30, 2017, To Provide Legal Services To Central American Unaccompanied Children In Oakland That Have Fled To The United States To Escape Violent And Other Oppressive Conditions In Their Countries
- B. Report to City Council dated October 6, 2014 on Funds for Unaccompanied Children from Central America
- C. Oakland Collaborative for Unaccompanied Minors and Migrant Families November 2014 to September 2015 Summary Update

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AGENDA REPORT

DATE: 10/6/14
TO: City Councilmembers
FROM: Councilmember Noel Gallo, Vice Mayor Larry Reid, Mayor Jean Quan
SUBJECT: Item # 4 - Funds for Unaccompanied Children from Central America

RECOMMENDATION

Councilmember Noel Gallo, Vice Mayor Larry Reid, and Mayor Jean Quan recommend that the City Council adopt:

A Resolution Authorizing A Grant In An Amount Up To \$577,231.00 To Centro Legal De La Raza To Be Used To Provide Legal Services To Central American Unaccompanied Children (UAC) In Oakland That Have Fled To The United States To Escape Violent And Other Oppressive Conditions In Their Countries, And Authorizing The City Administrator To Appropriate And/Or Identify Funds For The Grant

REASON FOR URGENCY

An emergency humanitarian crisis is taking place at the United States-Mexican border where thousands of unaccompanied children (UAC) from Central America including countries, such as El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua are being apprehended and detained in crowded shelters, detention centers and facilities on military bases where they have been subjected to inhumane living conditions for indeterminate periods of time. These are unacceptable conditions that the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Human Health Services (HHS) will not be equipped or funded to humanly address until Congress passes comprehensive immigration reform. Therefore, this is a humanitarian crisis that requires immediate attention.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Councilmember Gallo, Vice Mayor Reid and Mayor Quan brought together a "Collaborative" of long-time East Bay service providers and faith-based groups with numerous years of experience serving the community to provide assistance to newly arrived unaccompanied children and families with young children seeking asylum and living in Oakland. Members of the

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“Collaborative” include Centro Legal De La Raza (Centro Legal), Oakland Community Organization (OCO), East Bay Sanctuary Covenant (EBSC), Catholic Charities of the East Bay (CCEB), La Clínica de la Raza (La Clínica), and the Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana (PIPH).

Together, this collaborative is requesting \$1,000,000 to provide desperately needed, emergency services to accompanied children and families with young children seeking asylum and living in Oakland and Alameda County. These services include legal, mental health, and housing services.

The Collaborative has requested \$422,769 from Alameda County to assist in the mental health and housing services, and \$577,231 from the City of Oakland to assist in the urgently needed legal and community coordination services. (*Attachment B*)

Pursuant to Resolution No. 85151 C.M.S., approved by Council on July 29, 2014, (*Attachment D*), which commits the City of Oakland resources and support efforts at Congressional level to ensure humanitarian relief efforts to unaccompanied children (UAC) and their families, Councilmember Gallo, Vice Mayor Reid, and Mayor Quan recommend adoption of a Resolution authorizing a grant of up to \$577,231 for Centro Legal De La Raza to be used to provide legal services to Central American unaccompanied children in Oakland that have fled to the United States to escape violent and other oppressive conditions in their countries, and authorizing the City Administrator to appropriate and/or identify funds for the grant. The attached resolution authorizes the City Administrator to continue to review and identify other funding sources as and when they become available.

OUTCOME

The City would enter into a Grant Agreement with Centro Legal De La Raza (the Collaborative’s leader) in the amount of up to \$577,231.00 to provide urgently needed legal and coordination services to Unaccompanied Children (UAC) living in Oakland. If funding is received, the Collaborative proposes the following for one year:

- 520 UACs and/or families with young children will receive free legal consultation;
- 350 UACs and/or families with young children will receive free legal representation in their asylum or Special Immigration Juvenile Status (SIJS) case;
- Attorneys from the Collaborative will staff the San Francisco rocket docket twice a week during morning and afternoon dockets;
- 24 immigration legal clinics will be held at schools, churches, and community centers in Oakland and Alameda County;
- 24 workshops will be held for teachers, clergy, and other community members so that they receive training in how to respond/provide help to UACs and families with young children seeking asylum;

- The Collaborative's partners will meet on a monthly basis to review services provided and ensure coordination of services.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

In 2007, the Oakland City Council adopted a "Sanctuary City" Resolution No. 80584, calling for a moratorium on immigration raids and for the passage of fair and humane federal immigration laws; as well as declaring Oakland a refuge for immigrants for all countries; providing equal access to public services and civil protections without regard to an individual's immigration status. The City had earlier passed a resolution stating Oakland was a refuge for those from El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti and South Africa.

ANALYSIS

As the scope and severity of the violence and gang activity in Central America has drastically increased over the past year, so too has the number of young children and families seeking refuge in the United States. Faced with severe violence and threats of death in their home countries, families are fleeing and desperate parents are sending unaccompanied children, as young as three years old, on the dangerous journey from Central America to the U.S. border.

As of June 30, 2014, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) estimated that 242 unaccompanied children had been released to individuals living in Alameda County. Children have continued to arrive by the hundreds since that date. Other UACs, who have not been in contact with Immigrations and Custom Enforcement (ICE), are simply piecing together housing in the community. DHHS does not provide statistics regarding cities, but Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) reports that 183 UACs have enrolled since June of 2013.

This ongoing humanitarian crisis requires an immediate, coordinated, and urgent response from the City of Oakland because most of those seeking protection are unaccompanied children (UAC) and young families.

The Collaborative is committed to helping and serving this vulnerable population despite having no dedicated funding due to the severity and urgency of this humanitarian crisis. Centro Legal De La Raza is leading the Collaborative's efforts to seek emergency funding from the City of Oakland to secure legal representation for UACs and families. It is estimated that a UAC or family with young children only has a 1 in 10 chance of successfully winning a removal defense case, and with legal representation, they have 8 in 10 change of being granted protection. At Centro Legal De La Raza, the number of children and young families seeking services at its immigration clinics has tripled since January 2014. This is in addition to the high number of individuals being screened at immigration court. These UACs also need help applying for valid asylum claims or applying for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), a special status based on a child being abandoned and/or neglected by at least one parent.

Centro Legal has been attempting to represent as many of these children and families as possible, either in house or through mentored pro bono representation. Centro Legal has provided legal consultations and has seen over 350 UAC cases from July 2014 to September 2014.

The Collaborative has, therefore, requested funding in the amount of \$577,231.00 from the City of Oakland for Centro Legal De La Raza to secure and provide urgently needed legal and community coordination services to UACs living in Oakland. (*Attachment A*)

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

There is no public outreach required for adoption of the proposed legislation.

COORDINATION

The efforts of identifying specific needs of services and funding will be coordinated among Councilmember Gallo, Vice Mayor Reid, and Mayor Quan, the Collaborative, Office of City Administrator, Budget Office, Office of City Attorney, and Department of Human Services.

COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

Approval of the Resolution will allow the City Administrator to appropriate and/or identify funds to execute a grant in the amount of up to \$577,231.00 to Centro Legal De La Raza to be used to retain and provide legal immigration, child and family welfare and other legal and coordination services needed by Central American unaccompanied children (UAC), and their families, in Oakland that have fled to the United States to escape violent and other oppressive conditions in their countries. (*Attachment B*)

1. **AMOUNT OF RECOMMENDATION:** up to \$577,231.00
2. **SOURCE OF FUNDING:** The City Administrator is authorized and directed to identify and review probable funding sources, and use, or appropriate said funds if necessary, for the grant.
3. **FISCAL IMPACT:** To date, the fiscal impact is unknown.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

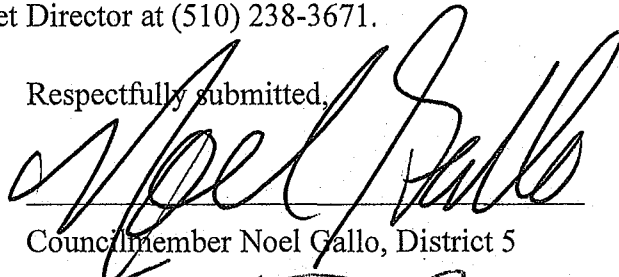
Economic: No direct economic opportunities have been identified.

Environmental: There are no impacts to environmental opportunities associated with this report.

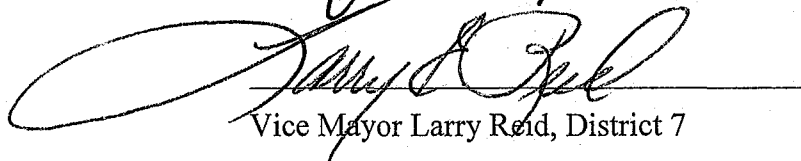
Social Equity: This grant funds would enhance the quality of life of the unaccompanied minors as the residents of Oakland.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Clara Garzon, Office of Councilmember Noel Gallo at (510) 238-7051 or Kiran Bawa, Budget Director at (510) 238-3671.

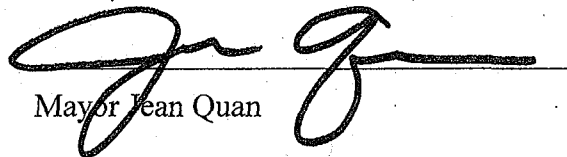
Respectfully submitted,



Councilmember Noel Gallo, District 5



Vice Mayor Larry Reid, District 7



Mayor Jean Quan

Reviewed by:

Donna Hom, Office of the City Administrator
Kiran Bawa, Budget Director
Melissa Vargas, Office of the Mayor

Prepared by:
Clara Garzon, Chief of Staff to
Councilmember Noel Gallo, District 5

Attachments:

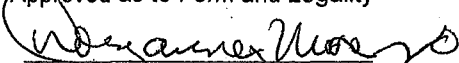
- A – Collaborative’s Increased Services Proposal for UAC*
- B – Collaborative’s Budget for Proposed Services to UAC*
- C – Unaccompanied Children in the OUSD*
- D – City Council approved Resolution No. 85151 C.M.S.*

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Oakland City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS GALLO, REID AND MAYOR QUAN

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$577,231.00 TO CENTRO LEGAL DE LA RAZA TO BE USED TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO CENTRAL AMERICAN UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN (UAC) IN OAKLAND THAT HAVE FLED TO THE UNITED STATES TO ESCAPE VIOLENT AND OTHER OPPRESSIVE CONDITIONS IN THEIR COUNTRIES, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROPRIATE AND/OR IDENTIFY FUNDS FOR THE GRANT

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has a strong tradition of embracing and valuing diversity and respecting the civil and human rights of all regardless of their immigration status; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Oakland City Council adopted a "Sanctuary City" Resolution No. 80584, calling for a moratorium on immigration raids and for the passage of fair and humane federal immigration laws; as well as declaring Oakland a refuge for immigrants from all countries; providing equal access to public services and civil protections without regard to an individual's immigration status, the City had earlier passed a resolution stating Oakland was a refuge for those from El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti and South Africa; and

WHEREAS, an emergency humanitarian crisis is taking place at the United States-Mexican border where thousands of unaccompanied children (UAC) from Central America including countries, such as El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua are being apprehended and detained in crowded shelters, detention centers and facilities on military bases where they have been subjected to inhumane living conditions for indeterminate periods of time; and

WHEREAS, these are unacceptable conditions that the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Human Health Services (HHS) will not be equipped or funded to humanly address until Congress passes comprehensive immigration reform; and

WHEREAS, data collected by the Department of Homeland Security shows that from October 2013 to July 2014, more than 62,000 Central American children have fled from their home countries into the United States; and it is estimated that by the end of 2014, up to 90,000 children fleeing violence from Central America will

enter the United States alone, seeking protection, with an average of 120-400 children crossing the border each day; and

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2014, the Oakland City Council approved Resolution No. 85151 C.M.S., committing the City of Oakland to assist in the humanitarian relief efforts by collaborating with local, state and federal organizations to address the short and long term needs of unaccompanied immigrant children entering into Oakland and the East Bay region by:

1. Publicizing the need for host families and sponsors who can provide safe and stable housing opportunities for the unaccompanied children and work to move children from shelters into homes of relatives or host families as soon as possible; and
2. Identifying city resources to ensure that City Departments, in partnership with non-profit organizations, can offer a continuum of culturally competent relief services to meet the medical, mental health, educational and legal needs of these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, a group of long-time East Bay service providers and faith-based groups with numerous years of experience serving the community have formed a collaborative to provide services to newly arrived UACs and to families with young children seeking asylum; and

WHEREAS, members of the collaborative include the Oakland Community Organization (OCO), Centro Legal de la Raza (Centro Legal), East Bay Sanctuary Covenant (EBSC), Catholic Charities of the East Bay (CCEB), La Clínica de la Raza (La Clinica) and the Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana (PIPH) (collectively referred to hereafter as "Collaborative"); and

WHEREAS, Collaborative members are committed to helping and serving this vulnerable population despite having no dedicated funding due to the severity and urgency of this humanitarian crisis; and

WHEREAS, Centro Legal De La Raza is leading the Collaborative's efforts to seek emergency funding from the City of Oakland to secure legal representation for UACs and families with young children seeking asylum; and

WHEREAS, Centro Legal De La Raza has seen over 350 UAC cases from July 2014 to September 2014; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that a UAC or family with young children only has a 1 in 10 chance of successfully winning a removal defense case, and with legal representation, they have an 8 in 10 chance of being granted protection; and

WHEREAS, the stakes are very high for securing legal representation for these children and families because they could face potential death if deported; and

WHEREAS, the Collaborative has requested funding in the amount of \$577,231 from the City of Oakland for Centro Legal De La Raza to secure and

provide urgently needed legal and community coordination services to UACs living in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, to fund this grant it will be necessary to authorize the City Administrator to identify monies in, or appropriate monies from, the current Fiscal Year 2014-2015 adjusted budget, provided that such monies shall not be subject to any federal, state, Charter or Council grant request for proposal or qualification processes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council authorizes a grant up to the amount of \$577,231.00 to Centro Legal De La Raza to be used to retain and provide legal immigration, child and family welfare and other services needed by Central American unaccompanied children (UAC), and their families; in Oakland that have fled to the United States to escape violent and other oppressive conditions in their countries; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is authorized and directed to identify and review probable funding sources, and/or to appropriate funds if necessary, and use said funds for the grant; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Council requests the City Administrator to execute a grant agreement once partial or full funding sources have been identified or return to Council with a report regarding legal or other impediments causing delay in execution; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council authorizes the City Administrator to identify funds in current Fiscal Year 2014-15 budgeted funds, or to appropriate funds if no budgeted funds are available, in an amount up to \$577,231.00 to cover said grant, provided that said funds shall not be subject to any federal, state, Charter or Council grant request for proposal or qualification processes; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Attorney shall review and approve the grant awarded hereunder for form and legality prior to its execution and a copy shall be placed on file in the office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, SCHAAF, REID AND
PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN

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

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**Oakland Collaborative for
Unaccompanied Minors and Migrant Families
November 2014 to September 2015 Summary Update
(legal and non-legal services provided as part of the grant from the City of Oakland)**

Oakland Unaccompanied Minor and Migrant Family Collaborative Legal Services
Partners:

- Centro Legal de la Raza (Centro Legal) - lead agency and fiscal sponsor
- East Bay Sanctuary Covenant (EBSC)
- Catholic Charities of the East Bay (CCEB)
- Immigration Center for Women and Children (ICWC)
- East Bay Community Law Center (EBCLC)

From November 2014 to September 2015, with the funding from the City of Oakland, the legal service providers in the collaborative have conducted 758 consults with unaccompanied minors (UCs) and migrant families (the funding is for 520 consults from Nov 2014 to Nov 2015) who reside in Oakland. As a collaborative we are representing 413 cases of Oakland UCs and migrant families (which includes more people as many cases are a mom and 2-5 children; the yearlong contract is for 350 cases). We have conducted 25 clinics in collaboration with the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) (the yearlong contract requires for 24 clinics). Centro Legal has been and continues to staff the attorney of the day program at the San Francisco Immigration Court for unrepresented children and families weekly as stated in the Oakland City contract. Centro Legal also continues to convene monthly legal services collaborative meetings.

As shown from the numbers above, we have exceeded the terms of the contract in advance of the November 2015 contract deadline, but of course the need for services is ongoing and the stakes continue to be very high as children who are deported face grave harm and likely death.

Thanks to our legal work, over 250 individuals have either been granted asylum or Special Immigrant Juvenile status. Further, we have yet to receive any denials. The rest of the cases are pending or in process. We are continuing to accept as many cases as possible, but all of the legal organizations in the collaborative are either at or very close to capacity. Without additional funding for the year 2015-2016, it is unlikely that any of the organizations will be able to keep up the same level of services despite the continuing need for the same level of legal service.

The number of registered UCs within OUSD as of September 2015 is over 500 children. This number is only of those UCs who have been identified by OUSD staff and does not include any UCs who are enrolled in OUSD but have not been identified. The number also does not include UCs in Oakland who are not registered for school nor does it include the many children who are too young to be enrolled in school. Working closely

with OUSD staff, we have held 25 legal clinics in collaboration with OUSD and continue to have bimonthly clinics.

Oakland Unaccompanied Minor and Migrant Family Collaborative Non-Legal Services Partners:

- Oakland Unified School District (OUSD)
- Oakland Community Organizations (OCO)
- Alameda County (various offices and representatives)
- La Clinica de la Raza
- La Familia Counseling Service
- Fruitvale Catholic Worker House
- The Oakland Hispanic Presbyterian Church
- New Hope Interfaith Coalition
- Oakland Covenant House
- Oakland DreamCatcher Youth Shelter
- East Oakland Youth Alliance
- Eastside Arts Alliance
- Soccer Without Borders
- Dayworkers Steetlevel Clinic
- Transnational Institute for Grassroots Research and Action (TIGRA)
- EDELO-Casa de Arte en Movimiento
- East Bay Regional Park District
- Youth Empowerment Project (YEP)
- Refugee Transitions

The collaborative continues to have regular meetings with our legal and non-legal members in order to share successes, strategize on obstacles, and discuss next steps. In order to help facilitate the provision of holistic services to UCs and migrant families we hired a Children's Services Mobilization Manager (CMM). The CMM is based at Centro Legal and is working closely with the legal and non-legal collaborative partners.

One key aspect of the CMM's role is to help build more effective inter-agency referrals so that UCs and migrant families are connected with needed wraparound services ranging from emergency housing and food to free mental health services. In order to streamline services to UCs and migrant families, the CMM is working with a student run group Code for Change at Stanford University, a community of computer science students at Stanford who are committed to using their skills for social change. They have agreed to design a central database to keep track of relevant services in Alameda County for UCs and refugee families in the East Bay. This will serve as a model for other regions as it is the first comprehensive database for legal and non-legal service providers in the Bay Area. We worked with Code for Change to design the database in an efficient and user-friendly manner. They inputted the relevant information for each agency included and will be continually monitoring the database to ensure that all information is current. The database went live in September 2015 and has had an immediate impact on UCs, migrant families, and the larger Oakland immigrant community.

The CMM has also helped the collaborative establish strong referrals to emergency and long-term housing for UCs. This is an ongoing and urgent need as the collaborative is working to find creative solutions to respond to the extremely limited housing resources that currently exist. We have worked and continue to work closely with DreamCatcher Youth Services (the only 21-day emergency shelter for youth ages 12-18 in Alameda County) for urgent housing for UCs in crisis. Additionally, the CMM has been able to advocate for the placement of UCs in a three-month housing program for youth ages 18-24 years old at the Covenant House Transitional Shelter. Neither of these facilities has full-time Spanish-speaking staff so the CMM has accompanied clients to the facilities to assist with the intake process. In addition, Centro Legal held trainings for bilingual and bicultural translators to volunteer at these facilities so that more UCs can hopefully be placed there as needed.

The CMM has also greatly expanded Centro Legal's partnership with the Fruitvale Catholic Worker House. Centro Legal has been working with the Catholic Worker House as part of our Post Release Accompaniment Program (PRAP), which focuses on the safe release of asylum seekers. The Catholic Worker House has agreed to provide weekly food baskets to UCs and migrant families identified by legal services organizations and OUSD as being in urgent need. The CMM coordinates the referrals of clients for food baskets and arranges the transportation for pick up of the baskets.

OUSD is a key partner for both the collaborative legal and non-legal services. We work closely with OUSD's Unaccompanied Minor Support Services Consultant to ensure that UCs are connected as seamlessly as possible to services. In addition to our joint legal clinics with OUSD, the CMM has been in constant communication with OUSD so together we can leverage limited resources. For example, at the request of OUSD, the CMM organized a tour of Kaiser Hospital for all UCs and migrant families that have recently been enrolled in the Kaiser Child Health Program. Many clients have never had access to medical care and are not familiar with the types of medical services that they can now access. The CMM ensured that Kaiser had Spanish and Mam interpreters at the tour so that the information was accessible to the children and families attending the tour.

Another example of the collaboration with OUSD, includes legal service providers working with OUSD to organize legal rights presentations geared specifically to the needs of UCs and newcomer families in "Restorative Justice Circles" at Oakland High School. The CMM recruited speakers from the Alameda County Public Defenders Office and Centro Legal immigration attorneys to conduct dynamic presentations about the rights that youth have in the United States. Approximately 120 newcomer students and UCs attended these legal rights presentations. We will work with OUSD in the coming school year to expand this program to Fremont High and Oakland International High School. Additionally, the CMM is working with OUSD referred UCs to help them apply for college and financial aid after being granted status.

In order to counter the deficit of free mental health services for UCs, the CMM has been training educators, county employees, School Based Health Center staff, medical

providers, insurance providers, and community-based organizations (CBOs) in Oakland about the specific needs of UCs and informing them on ways that they can better support UCs.

This summer, the CMM led a trauma-centered summer program for UCs that included skills training in leadership, advocacy, literacy, and job skills. The program consisted of English language support, college and career opportunities, community service and internships, cultural awareness, and outdoor environmental explorations. Additionally, youth participated in activities designed to facilitate healing from trauma through program options such as art, photography, and soccer that support much-needed social-emotional engagement. The summer camp program ran from June 15 to July 31 and served over 160 underserved Oakland youth each week. By involving UCs with other at-risk Oakland youth in a wraparound skill building experience, participants were able to heal from trauma's disempowering impacts and move towards becoming agents for community change.

The collaborative is a member of the steering committee for the "Newcomer Refugee and Immigrant Welcome Center," an initiative being led by Community Health for Asian Americans in collaboration with numerous community organizations and non-profits. The Oakland Collaborative is looking forward to working with this additional group of local partners.

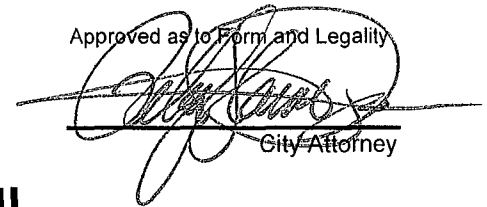
Upcoming plans for the Oakland collaborative non-legal services work includes recruiting qualified therapists, volunteers, and community leaders to lead weekly group wellness and therapy sessions for Mam women, young girls, young men fleeing gangs, etc. Additionally, the CMM is reaching out to partners who can assist in working with clients to preserve their stories through an oral history media project. We are also working on creating more career development, peer leadership, and internship opportunities for UCs and newcomer families.

Collaborative Financial Update

Thanks to the \$577, 231 the City of Oakland granted our collaborative, we were able to staff the collaborative with 5 full-time immigration attorneys, 2 paralegals, and the Children Services Mobilization Manager. In addition, the funding also allowed the collaborative to hire the equivalent of a part-time administrative assistant to provide intake and grant reporting assistance. These positions were placed throughout the 5 legal service agencies. Of the total \$577, 231 granted, \$527, 217 went toward salaries and benefits. The remaining \$50,013 went toward program expenses such as professional liability insurance, rent & utilities, and computer & database support.

The collaborative is extremely grateful for the renewed grant of \$300,000, but is concerned that it will no longer be able to adequately serve community need in this area without additional funding.

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City Attorney

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 85218 TO INCREASE THE GRANT AWARD TO CENTRO LEGAL DE LA RAZA BY UP TO \$300,000 FOR A TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$877,231, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017, TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO CENTRAL AMERICAN UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN IN OAKLAND THAT HAVE FLED TO THE UNITED STATES TO ESCAPE VIOLENT AND OTHER OPPRESSIVE CONDITIONS IN THEIR COUNTRIES

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2014, the City of Oakland City Council approved Resolution No. 85218 C.M.S. authorizing a grant not to exceed \$577,231 to Centro Legal de la Raza to be used to provide legal immigration, child and family welfare, and other services to Central American unaccompanied children in Oakland that have fled to the United States to escape violent and other oppressive conditions in their countries; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 85218 authorized the City Administrator to identify and appropriate unbudgeted monies to fund this grant; and

WHEREAS, the City Administrator identified and appropriated \$577,231 in qualified funds for this grant since its enactment; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Agreement between the City of Oakland and Centro Legal de la Raza was entered into on November 21, 2014 and expires on November 20, 2015; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2015, the City Council approved Resolution No. 85672 C.M.S., which authorized the Fiscal Year 2015-2017 biennial budget and appropriated up to \$300,000 from the Fund 1010 – General Purpose Fund for a legal support grant to assist unaccompanied minors; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Municipal Code 2.07.020 states that, “Notwithstanding any authority granted herein, all grant awards made from money or funds donated, given or granted to the city from any public or private source shall be approved by the City Council regardless of the amount of grant award”; and

WHEREAS, Centro Legal de la Raza is the lead agency for the Oakland Collaborative for Unaccompanied Minors and the collaborative includes Centro Legal de la Raza, East Bay Sanctuary Covenant, Catholic Charities of the East Bay, Immigration Center for Women and Children, and East Bay Community Law Center; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the collaborative, Centro Legal de la Raza has proposed deliverables using the additional \$300,000 in funding as follows:

- 270 unaccompanied minors (UACs) and/or families with young children who reside in Oakland and who fled violence in Central America will receive a free legal consultation by an immigration attorney. Young families with children who reside in Oakland will be defined as at least one parent with at least one child under the age of 18,
- 180 UACs and/or families with young children who reside in Oakland will receive free full legal representation in with any potential asylum or Special Immigrant Juvenile Status case,
- Attorneys from the collaborative will staff the expedited children's removal docket at the San Francisco Immigration Court once a week during morning and afternoon dockets,
- The collaborative partners will meet on a quarterly basis to review services provided and ensure coordination of services and a report will be provided to the City Council through city staff,
- 12 immigration legal clinics will be held at schools, churches, and/or community centers in Oakland; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Oakland City Council hereby amends Resolution No. 85218 and authorizes the City Administrator to amend the grant agreement between the City of Oakland and Centro Legal de la Raza to increase the grant amount up to \$300,000 for a total grant amount not to exceed \$877,231, through June 30, 2017, to provide legal immigration, child and family welfare, and other services to Central American unaccompanied children in Oakland that have fled to the United States to escape violent and other oppressive conditions in their countries; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Attorney shall review and approve the amended grant agreement hereunder for form and legality prior to its execution and a copy shall be placed on file in the office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLAN, 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