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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Sabrina B. Landreth
City Administrator

FROM: Sara Bedford
Director, Human Services

SUBJECT: Increasing OPRI grant agreements
with service providers

DATE: September 21, 2016

City Administrator Approval

Date:

9/29/16

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends That The City Council Adopt A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator To 1) Amend The 2016-2017 Oakland PATH Rehousing Initiative Grant Agreement With Abode Services To Increase The Grant Amount By \$354,168 For The Provision Of Permanent Housing And Supportive Services, And 2) Amend The 2016-2017 Oakland PATH Rehousing Initiative Grant Agreement With First Place For Youth To Increase The Grant Amount By \$72,050 For The Provision Of Permanent Housing And Supportive Services.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

City Council Resolution No. 85583 C.M.S. authorized the City Administrator to accept and appropriate Oakland Housing Authority (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 the appropriations depending on the exact OHA award without returning to Council. Although this resolution allowed the City to accept an increased allocation from the Oakland Housing Authority for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 it did not authorize a corresponding increase in the grant awards to Abode Services or First Place For Youth.

Adoption of this resolution will authorize the City Administrator to increase the grant agreement amounts for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2017 with Abode Services by \$354,168 and with First Place For Youth by \$72,050, for the provision of permanent housing and support services under the Oakland PATH (Permanent Access to Housing) Rehousing Initiative (OPRI) program. Such adoption would ensure that the program is able to increase its capacity to serve homeless and near homeless individuals.

Item: _____
Life Enrichment Committee
October 11, 2016

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Pursuant to City Council Resolution No. 85583 C. M. S. adopted February 26, 2015, the City Council authorized the continued implementation of OPRI and the yearly allocations to Abode Services and First Place for Youth in FY 2015-2016 and FY 2016-2017. The OPRI strategy begun in 2010, has successfully housed more than 210 formerly homeless Oakland residents with subsidies provided by the Oakland Housing Authority (OHA), 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, and emancipating from foster care to move into 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 AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES

From 2010 through FY 2015-2016 the amount of subsidy funds provided by OHA remained flat at \$1,500,000 to serve a minimum of 125 households. Over the past few years, as rents increased significantly in Oakland, this amount of subsidy was able to support fewer households than originally intended. By the end of FY 2015-2016 the subsidy funds were supporting approximately 104 households. In FY 2016-2017 OHA increased the amount of subsidy funds to \$1,926,218. The additional funds will allow the program to backfill its slots and again serve a minimum of 125 households with subsidy assistance.

FISCAL IMPACT

City Council Resolution No. 85583 C.M.S. authorized the City Administrator to accept additional funds from OHA above the \$1,500,000 should they become available. In FY 2016-2017 the City has accepted an additional \$426,218 from OHA. Adoption of this resolution will authorize amendments with service providers to add these funds to their existing FY 2016-2016 grant agreements.

Funding to support the grant amendments will come from the OPRI funds and will be allocated in the following way:

OPRI 2016-2017				
Purpose	Agency	Amount	Funding Source	Coding Block
Permanent Housing and Supportive Services	Abode Services	\$354,168	Oakland Housing Authority	1.2103.78411.G487515
Permanent Housing and Supportive Services	First Place For Youth	\$72,050	Oakland Housing Authority	1.2103.78411.G487525
Total		\$426,218		

PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST

This report did not require public outreach other than the posting of this report on the website

COORDINATION

Coordination has occurred between the Human Services Department, the Office of the City Attorney, and the Controller's Bureau in the preparation of this report and resolution.

PAST PERFORMANCE, EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

Since 2010 the OPRI program has provided 210 formerly homeless clients with permanent housing. In the adult programs (provided by Abode Services) serving encampments, shelters, and the reentry population, (97%) of people placed have been stably housed for more than 12 months; (90%) for a year or more; and seventy-two percent (72%) for three years or more. In the youth program (provided by First Place For Youth) young adults have maintained housing for at least six months at a rate of 95%, and 12 months at a rate of 91%.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: As noted in the report, all funds identified in this report are for the purpose of providing housing and services to eliminate homelessness.

Environmental: The provision of housing and services for at-risk and homeless persons is intended to address the environmental degradation caused by homeless families and individuals precariously housed or living on the streets.

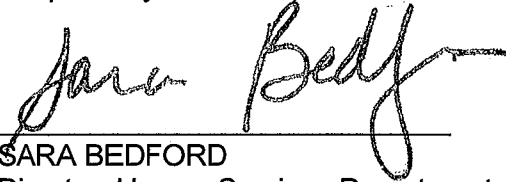
Social Equity: The expenditure of these funds is targeted to the most vulnerable and at-risk populations in this City and is providing essential and basic human services, housing and support.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff Recommends That The City Council Adopt A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator To 1) Amend The 2016-2017 Oakland PATH Rehousing Initiative Grant Agreement With Abode Services To Increase The Grant Amount By \$354,168 For The Provision Of Permanent Housing And Supportive Services, And 2) Amend The 2016-2017 Oakland PATH Rehousing Initiative Grant Agreement With First Place For Youth To Increase The Grant Amount By \$72,050 For The Provision Of Permanent Housing And Supportive Services.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Susan Shelton, Community Housing Services Manager, at 510-238-6186.

Respectfully submitted,



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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO 1) AMEND THE 2016-2017 OAKLAND PATH REHOUSING INITIATIVE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH ABODE SERVICES TO INCREASE THE GRANT AMOUNT BY \$354,168 FOR THE PROVISION OF PERMANENT HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, AND 2) AMEND THE 2016-2017 OAKLAND PATH REHOUSING INITIATIVE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH FIRST PLACE FOR YOUTH TO INCREASE THE GRANT AMOUNT BY \$72,050 FOR THE PROVISION OF PERMANENT HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

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 exiting probation and foster care; and

WHEREAS, Oakland City Council Resolution No. 85583 C.M.S. authorizes the City of Oakland to accept and appropriate funds from OHA in FY 2015-2016 and Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2017 and enter into grant agreements with ABODE Services for \$1,291,000 and with First Place for Youth for \$209,000 to provide permanent housing and support services to homeless single adults, and transition aged youth under the OPRI program in FY 2015-2016 and FY 2016-2017; and

WHEREAS, the OHA Sponsor Based Housing Assistance Program is a one year funding cycle and the allocation from OHA increased to \$1,926,218 in FY 2016-2017; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to increase the FY 2016-2017 grant agreement with ABODE Services to add up to \$354,168 for a total grant amount of \$1,645,168 for housing search and placement, annual housing inspections, and landlord/tenant mediations to homeless adults for FY 2016-2017; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to increase the FY 2016-2017 grant agreement with First Place for Youth to add up to \$72,050 for a total grant amount of \$281,050 for housing search and placement, annual housing inspections, and landlord/tenant mediations to homeless transition age youth for FY 2016-2017; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to amend the FY 2016-2017 grant agreement with ABODE Services to increase the grant amount by up to \$354,168 for housing search and placement, annual housing inspections, and landlord/tenant mediations to homeless adults for FY 2016-2017; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to amend the FY 2016-2017 grant agreement with First Place for Youth to increase the grant amount by up to \$72,050 for housing search and placement, annual housing inspections, and landlord/tenant mediations to homeless transition age youth for FY 2016-2017; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That funding for the increases in the grant agreements with ABODE Services and First Place for Youth are available in the HUD-ESG/SHP/HOPWA Fund (2103), Community Housing Services Org (78411), Third Party: Grant Contracts Earned Account (54912), FY1617 OPRI-OHA ABODE/1st Place for Youth Projects (G487515/ G487525) and Fostering Safe and Healthy Communities Program (SC22).

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council authorizes the City Administrator to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, modifications, payment requests, and related actions which may be necessary for the above-referenced grant agreements, including increasing the grant amount within the grant term (FY 2016-2017) without returning to Council; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That said grant agreements shall be reviewed as to form and legality by the Office of the City Attorney and copies will be filed 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