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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 87907 - C.M.S.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING:

1. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF A \$176,000 GRANT, AND ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS, INCLUDING FOR AND THROUGH A SECOND GRANT YEAR TO JUNE 30, 2021, FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT (CSD), TO IMPLEMENT THE CALIFORNIA EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT (CALEITC) FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (PROGRAM); AND
2. THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, WITHOUT RETURNING TO COUNCIL, TO:
 - A. AWARD AND EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS TO IMPLEMENT THE CALEITC PROGRAM THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020; AND
 - B. AMEND SAID AGREEMENTS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNTS AND/OR DURATION THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021

WHEREAS, Alameda County has the seventh highest proportion of California residents who would benefit from free tax preparation assistance, as evidenced in 2015 when an estimated 32,447 eligible Alameda County households did not claim the EITC, according to 2018 Update and Expansion of the "Left on the Table," a report by Antonio Avalos, PhD (January, 2018); and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the Alameda County-Oakland Community Action Partnership (AC-OCAP) applied for, and was awarded, \$176,000 in funding from the State Franchise Tax Board (FTB) to run the 2018 CalEITC Free Tax Preparation Assistance Grant for Alameda County, resulting in 8,544 individuals and families receiving assistance and a 7% increase in the number of returns prepared over the previous tax season; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 AC-OCAP applied for, and was awarded, a second year of funding in the amount of \$176,000 from the FTB administered by the California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) for the 2019 – 2020 CalEITC Free Tax Preparation Assistance Grant for Alameda County; and

WHEREAS, AC-OCAP would like the City to accept and appropriate the 2019-2020 CalEITC Free Tax Preparation Assistance Grant in the amount of \$176,000 from CSD to support the Alameda County EITC Coalition Expansion Project; and

WHEREAS, CSD has stated that “at CSD’s sole discretion, it may extend each contract for one additional year, through June 30, 2021, depending on funding availability”; and

WHEREAS, AC-OCAP seeks authority for the City Administrator to execute contracts with CSD as required to facilitate acceptance and appropriation of the aforementioned grant funding from CSD for 2019-2020, and for 2020-2021, as necessary; and

WHEREAS, the initial nine-month grant program is from October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Department will request the City appropriate and allocate state funds into the State of California Other Fund (2159), CSBG – Admin Organization (78362), CAL EITC 06 30 19 Project (1004521); and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland would like to enter into grant agreements with service providers to provide tax preparation assistance and support in accordance with said grant funding; and

WHEREAS, staff seeks authority, should additional funding become available, to accept and appropriate the additional funding and amend the agreements with the below-identified service providers to increase the amounts for the initial nine-month grant program of October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 limited to the amount of additional funding; and

WHEREAS, staff seeks authority, should CSD extend the underlying contract for one additional year with funding for that year, through June 30, 2021, to accept and appropriate the initial additional funding and any further funds during the additional year, and amend and extend the agreements with the below-identified service providers through June 30, 2021 limited to the amount of additional funds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City accepts and appropriates a grant from grantor CSD in the amount of \$176,000 for the purpose described above; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That grant funds in the amount of \$176,000 shall be appropriated in the State of California Fund (2159), CSBG Administration Organization (78362) and in the CalEITC Project (1004521); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That should additional funds be offered by the grantor (CSD) within the initial grant term (October 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020), the City hereby accepts and appropriates the grant funds for the same purpose, without returning to Council; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That should the grantor (CSD) extend funding for and make available funds during an additional year through June 30, 2021, the City hereby

accepts and appropriates the grant funds for the same purpose without returning to Council; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is authorized to execute contracts with CSD as required to facilitate acceptance and appropriation of the aforementioned grant funding from CSD for and during 2019-2020 and 2020-2021, as necessary; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to award and execute grant agreements and amendments for the term of October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, as provided in the table below, so long as the cumulative amount of program funding in the table below does not exceed the total amount awarded by CSD during that period and appropriated towards grant agreements and contracts:

Cal EITC Free Tax Preparation Assistance Grantees	Program Description	Grant Allocation (not to exceed)
Alameda County Social Services Agency	Expand Alameda County Social Services Agency's VITA services and capacity throughout the County's high needs areas of Oakland, San Lorenzo, San Leandro, Hayward, Ashland, Cherryland, and Fairview	\$20,000
Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, DBA Tri-Valley One-Stop Career Center	Expand the capacity of VITA services in Alameda County's overlooked suburban Tri-Valley area of Pleasanton, Livermore, and Dublin through expanded on-site and virtual VITA services.	\$20,000
Fremont Family Resource Center Corporation	Provide expanded virtual VITA tax preparation services for partners throughout Alameda County and expand VITA program capacity at sites in the high-growth, high-needs area of the County's Tri-Cities: Fremont, Newark, and Union City	\$30,000
Peralta Community College District, DBA Laney College / East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation / The Spanish Speaking Unity Council of Alameda County, DBA The Unity Council	Expand on-site and establish virtual VITA services for Laney College students at the Restoring Our Community Center.	\$22,000
San Antonio Community Development Corp	Expand VITA services in high-needs areas of East Oakland's San Antonio neighborhood	\$20,000
TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED		\$112,000

; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That should the grantor (CSD) extend funding and the grant period for an additional year, through June 30, 2021, the City Administrator is hereby authorized to amend and extend the grant agreements in accordance with the table above, so long as the cumulative amount of program funding does not exceed the total amount awarded by CSD through that date and appropriated towards grant agreements and contracts, without returning to Council; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That if additional funds become available from the grantor (CSD) during the initial grant term through June 30, 2020 and/or during an additional grant year through June 30, 2021, the City Administrator is authorized to extend and amend the above-referenced grant agreements to increase the grant amounts during the initial and/or additional grant period, limited to the amount of additional funds so awarded by CSD for said period(s), without returning to Council; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator, or designee, is authorized to conduct all negotiations and distributions, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, modifications, extensions, payment requests, terminations and related actions which may be necessary; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That said grant agreements and contracts shall be approved as to 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,

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PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

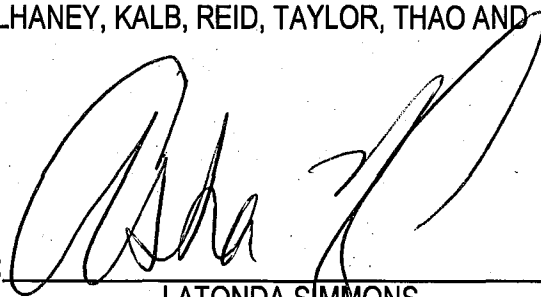
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NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST:



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