



City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO [BAY AREA COMMUNITY SERVICES (BACS) OR LA FAMILIA/ALLIANCE FOR COMMUNITY WELLNESS]¹ IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,600,000) FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MOBILE ASSISTANCE COMMUNITY RESPONDERS OF OAKLAND (MACRO) PILOT PROGRAM, FROM JANUARY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022

WHEREAS, In the 2019-2020 Mid-cycle budget, the Oakland City Council included Forty Thousand dollars (\$40,000) for Urban Strategies Council to research the feasibility of a CAHOOTS-like program in Oakland, after a year of consultations with stakeholders, including the most impacted community members, Urban Strategies provided a comprehensive analysis and recommendations of the contours of a pilot program in two Oakland areas, recommending a launch that will cost approximately Three Million Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$3,090,000); and

WHEREAS, the structure of the proposed pilot program includes: a more appropriate, non-police response to non-violent/non-felony calls; a model unique to Oakland; a proposal that improves Oakland Police Department (OPD) response time to urgent calls; a design based on community members helping their own communities; a program that can save the City money and lives while the community demands a call to reinvest in the community and allow for the police to spend more time solving crime; and

WHEREAS, the issues of police misconduct, excessive use of force and their accountability to the communities they serve are at the forefront of public and political debate as America recently witnessed the murder of George Floyd and learned of the details of Breonna Taylor's homicide by police. Community efforts to address these issues in Oakland have a long history - black and brown residents have historically distrusted the police and engaged in resistance and struggle to envision new approaches to public safety and police/community relations; and

¹ This Resolution will be revised to reflect the Council's vote on the contract award if action is taken.

WHEREAS, as many times as police are called for cases with individuals who have mental health issues, a police response can go seriously wrong and even lead to death. Interactions with police add unnecessary stress and tension to a difficult situation and frequently have a delayed response. Recently, community activism has focused on one specific area of concern: how police respond to 911 non-violent and mental health related calls; and

WHEREAS, the Mobile Assistance Community Responders of Oakland (MACRO) response model was created to respond to the need to integrate a new model of emergency response, which will be coordinated by the Department of Violence Prevention (DVP); and

WHEREAS, the DVP conducted a competitive Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process to identify an experienced, appropriate service provider to implement the MACRO pilot program; and

WHEREAS, the City received 5 proposals in response to the RFQ, including responses from Bay Area Community Services (BACS) and La Familia/Alliance for Community Wellness, who received top ranking in the analysis and both of which received high ratings and are considered qualified and capable to provide the services; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee at its February 9, 2021 meeting considered Item No. 4, a resolution awarding the contract for implementation of the Mobile Assistance Community Responders of Oakland (MACRO) pilot program to Bay Area Community Services (BACS); but, following public comments by numerous members of the community raising issues and concerns, the Committee chose to schedule an alternative recommendation to the Council for consideration that would include consideration of the contract award to La Familia/Alliance for Community Wellness; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2020, City Council appropriated One Million Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars (\$1,850,000) for MACRO Pilot Program (Resolution No. 88174 C.M.S.); and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the City lacks the equipment and qualified personnel to perform the necessary work and that the performance of this contract is in the public interest because of economy or better performance; and

WHEREAS, the City Administrator has determined that the service is professional, scientific, or technical; and

WHEREAS, the City Administrator has determined that the performance of this contract shall not result in the loss of employment or salary by any person having permanent status in the competitive services; and

WHEREAS, the necessary funds are available in General Purpose Fund (1010), Violence Prevention Administration (70111), Contract Contingencies (54011), MACRO Project (1005384), MACRO Task (1010.SC22), 1010.70111.MACRO (23818), and Fostering Safe and Healthy Communities Program (SC22); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That based on the information and analysis set forth in the staff report, public comments and other communications submitted to City councilmembers and other officials, and information and responses provided by Bay Area Community Services (BACS) and La Familia/Alliance for Community Wellness at today's Council meeting, the City Council hereby awards a professional services agreement to [Bay Area Community Services (BACS) **OR** La Familia/Alliance for Community Wellness] in an amount not-to-exceed One Million Six Hundred Thousand dollars (\$1,600,000) for implementation of the MACRO pilot program, from January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or designee is hereby authorized 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 agreement on behalf of the City of Oakland, without increasing the amounts of the agreements, except as specified above; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That said agreement and any amendments shall be approved as to form and legality by the Office of the City Attorney and copies filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____
ASHA REED
Acting City Clerk and Clerk of the
Council of the City of Oakland, California

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