



# AGENDA REPORT

**TO:** Edward D. Reiskin  
City Administrator

**FROM:** Richard J. Luna  
Interim Deputy  
City Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Centro Legal de la Raza ACILEP  
Grant Agreement

**DATE:** May 24, 2021

City Administrator Approval

Date:

Jun 2, 2021

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**Staff Recommends That The City Council Adopt A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator To Award A Grant Agreement To Centro Legal De La Raza In An Amount Not To Exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) To Provide Legal Support For Children And Families At Risk Of Deportation.**

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

As part of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-21 adopted budget, the City Council allocated \$300,000, (\$150,000 per FY) for legal support for children and families at risk of deportation. The budget did not specifically state Centro Legal de la Raza as the recipient of these funds, which was a staff error in preparing the budget documents.

Centro Legal de la Raza was previously awarded a one-time \$150,000 grant to provide these same services in May 2017 as authorized by Resolution No. 86572 C.M.S. The organization has continued providing these services during FY 2019-21 through the Alameda County Immigration Legal and Education Partnership (ACILEP), and adoption of this resolution will allow City staff to award the grant funds to Centro Legal De La Raza for providing immigration and deportation support services to Oakland residents.

## **BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

On December 13, 2016, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 86534 C.M.S., which directed the City Administrator to return to the City Council in January 2017 with a resolution to appropriate \$150,000 in FY 2016-17 and \$150,000 in FY 2017-18 for a grant to the Oakland Immigration Legal Representation and Rapid Response Network to provide urgent legal and support services to Oakland families facing the immediate threat of separation due to deportation.

Resolution No. 86572 C.M.S. was adopted on January 31, 2017, which amended the FY 2016-17 midcycle budget to fund the direction received by the City Council to support immigration support services. Serving as the fiscal agent, Centro Legal de la Raza was awarded the grant

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agreement in support of the Oakland Immigration Legal Representation and Rapid Response Network. The grant agreement initiated on May 1, 2017 and ended on April 30, 2018.

During the FY 2019-21 budget adoption process, the City Council prioritized immigration and deportation support services by funding the same program; however, as previously mentioned, the budget documents erroneously did not state Centro Legal de la Raza as the grant awardee for this service. The organization should have been listed in Resolution No. 87761 C.M.S., which awarded numerous grant agreements to organizations identified in the FY 2019-21. Resolution No. 87761 C.M.S was adopted on June 24, 2019, the same day the City Council adopted the FY 2019-21 budget.

Funding legal support for children and families at risk of deportation is stated twice in the FY 2019-21 budget, on pages B-6 and G-85 (**Attachment A**).

### **ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES**

ACILEP provides legal and rapid response services to community members in need. The City's support provides 15% of the legal services each year within ACILEP. The partnership consists of the Alameda County Public Defenders Office, Black Alliance for Just Immigration, California Immigrant Youth Justice Alliance, Causa Justa/Just Cause, The Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity, Mujeres Unidas Y Activas, Oakland Community Organizers, Street Level Health and the Vietnamese American Community Center of the East Bay.

ACILEP's program outcomes are to provide Alameda County residents and families with free legal consultations, free legal representation in removal proceedings, and conducting Know Your Rights presentations.

Included in the Mayor's proposed FY 2020-21 biennial budget is continued funding for this program, at \$150,000 per FY. Staff is working with the Budget Bureau to correct the issue experienced in FY 2019-21, and specifically name Centro Legal de la Raza as the grant recipient of these funds.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Adoption of this resolution will award \$300,000 in non-departmental General Purpose Funds to Centro Legal de la Raza for FY 2019-21: Fund (1010), Org. (90591), Account (54930), Project (1003464), Program (IP50), Task (1), Award (23181).

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST**

No outreach was deemed necessary for this report beyond the standard City Council agenda noticing procedures.

## **COORDINATION**

This report has been prepared in coordination with the Office of the City Attorney and Department of Finance.

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

From 2018 to 2021, ACILEP has provided the following services to East Bay residents:

- 26,630 – number of residents that participated in Know Your Rights presentations.
- 7,854 – number of residents that received free legal consultations.
- 2,625 – number of residents provided with free legal representation.
- 7,825 – number of rapid response calls answered through a 24-hour community hotline.
- 860 – number of rapid response volunteers trained to respond to enforcement actions.

## **SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES**

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

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

**Race & Equity:** Immigration continues to be a highly contested issue nationwide, especially with increase news coverage of family separations at the U.S. and Mexico border and immigration raids throughout the country. By funding immigration legal support services, the City continues to assist disadvantaged communities most at risk for deportation.

## **ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Staff Recommends That The City Council Adopt A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator To Award A Grant Agreement To Centro Legal De La Raza In An Amount Not To Exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) To Provide Legal Support For Children And Families At Risk Of Deportation.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Richard J. Luna, Interim Deputy City Administrator, at (510) 238-4756.

Respectfully submitted,



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RICHARD J. LUNA  
Interim Deputy City Administrator

Attachments (1):

- A. Pages B-6 and G-85 of the FY 2019-21 adopted budget

# SERVICE IMPACTS

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## **STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES (\$2.9 MILLION)**

### **Work On Strategic Planning Initiatives**

- Increase staffing capacity to undertake a comprehensive update of the City's Land Use and Transportation Element General Plan, which also includes the Bicycle Master Plan and Pedestrian Plan, as well as other smaller strategic planning projects, such as planning or municipal code amendments, area plans, and annual reports.

### **Continue To Invest In Economic And Workforce Development Initiatives**

- Allocates \$500,000 in one-time funding in FY 2019-20 for an East Oakland Neighborhood Economic Development Plan and adds additional staff to support the East Oakland business assistance program.
- Appropriate additional \$775,000 in FY 2019-20 and \$650,000 in FY 2020-21 for workforce development, employment training and job placement to be allocated by the Oakland Workforce Development Board.
- Continue to appropriate \$400,000 per year to support youth summer employment opportunities through Measure HH and \$355,000 for West Oakland Job Resource Center, which mainly serves low-income, under-served Oakland residents and the greater East Bay, providing programs to teach valuable job skills in construction, transportation, distribution, and logistics sectors.
- Appropriate \$195,000 in FY 2019-20 and \$220,000 in FY 2020-21 for the Day Laborer program.

### **Protecting Oakland Workers' Rights and Safety**

- Establishes the Department of Workplace and Employment Standards effective July 1, 2020.
- Expands funding for minimum wage enforcement and education and adds additional audit staff (2.0 FTEs) and a new Chief Enforcement Officer (1.0 FTE) to ensure compliance with Oakland's minimum wage and other employment laws with the possibility of further expansion following hotel fee analysis.

## **LIBRARY SERVICES (\$24 MILLION)**

### **Increase Library Service Accessibility With Additional Hours With New Measure D Funding (\$12 million annually)**

- Expand library hours at the Main Library, African American Museum & Library at Oakland, Oakland Tool Lending Library, and 16 neighborhood branches with the special parcel tax revenue generated through voter-approved Measure D.
- Continued expansion of programs and learning resources, in combination with increased accessibility to libraries through the City, will benefit all communities.

## **CITY-WIDE (\$300,000)**

### **311 Call Center**

- Transfer the Oakland Call Center to the City Administrator's Office as the first phase of establishing a full citywide integrated 311 citizen's resource center that will begin including services beyond the Public Works Agency.

### **Immigration Anti-Deportation Defense**

- The budget contains \$300,000 (\$150,000 per year) in legal support for children and families at risk of deportation.

# NON-DEPARTMENTAL

<b>NON-DEPARTMENTAL - KEY ITEMS</b>		
<b>Expenditure Detail - General Purpose Fund (1010)</b>	<b>FY 2019-20 Adopted Budget</b>	<b>FY 20-21 Adopted Budget</b>
Business Improvement District Assessments	\$262,580	\$269,670
City Memberships (e.g. ABAG, League of CA Cities, etc.)	80,000	155,000
Contingency Reserves (Council and City Administrator's)	200,000	200,000
Cultural Funding Grants	730,120	730,120
Day Laborer Contract	170,000	170,000
Employee Appreciation & Training	100,000	100,000
Kids First! transfer	18,569,887	19,005,974
Lake Merritt Maintenance	440,294	440,294
Legal support for families at risk of deportation	150,000	150,000
Museum Contract	3,200,000	3,000,000
Oakland Alameda County Coliseum Authority (JPA) subsidy	12,500,000	12,500,000
Oakland Promise	500,000	500,000
Safe Passages	150,000	150,000
Scotlan Convention Center Support	838,432	842,844
Set-Aside for Employee Compensation*	-	4,200,000
Set-Aside for Limited Public Financing	77,500	77,500
State/Federal Lobbyist	222,000	222,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$38,190,813</b>	<b>\$42,713,402</b>

  
City Attorney's Office

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

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**RESOLUTION AWARDING A GRANT AGREEMENT TO CENTRO LEGAL DE LA RAZA IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000) TO PROVIDE LEGAL SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AT RISK OF DEPORTATION.**

**WHEREAS**, On December 13, 2016, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 86534 C.M.S., which directed the City Administrator to return to the City Council in January 2017 with a resolution to appropriate \$150,000 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17 and \$150,000 in FY 2017-18 for a grant to the Oakland Immigration Legal Representation and Rapid Response Network to provide urgent legal and support services to Oakland families facing the immediate threat of separation due to deportation; and

**WHEREAS**, On January 31, 2017, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 86572 C.M.S., which amended the FY 2016-17 midcycle budget to providing funding at \$150,000 per FY to support immigration support services to the Oakland Immigration Legal Representation and Rapid Response Network or an affiliate network providing immigration legal support services; and

**WHEREAS**, Centro Legal de la Raza, serving as the fiscal agent, was awarded the grant agreement in support of the Alameda County Immigration Legal and Education Partnership (ACILEP) a network of various non-profit and community-based organizations providing Alameda County residents and families with free legal consultations, free legal representation in removal proceedings, and conducting Know Your Rights presentation; and

**WHEREAS**, Centro Legal de la Raza's grant agreement in support of immigration support services through the ACILEP initiated on May 1, 2017 and expired on April 30, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, In the FY 2019-21 adopted budget, the City Council awarded \$300,000 in non-department General Purpose Funds, at \$150,000 per FY, to continue providing legal support for children and families at risk of deportation; and

**WHEREAS**, The City's \$150,000 per year contribution to Centro Legal de la Raza and ACILEP continues its commitment of protecting residents most at risk of deportation, and providing necessary legal support services to disadvantaged communities; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council hereby awards a grant agreement to Centro Legal de la Raza in an amount not to exceed three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to provide legal support for children and families at risk of deportation; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the grant agreement shall be reviewed and approved as to form and legality by the Office of the City Attorney and a fully executed copy of the agreement shall be placed on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

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