



CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AWARDING GRANT AGREEMENTS TO PRIVATE NON-PROFIT ENTITIES TO CONDUCT TOWN NIGHTS VIOLENCE INTERVENTION EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF OAKLAND FOR A FIFTEEN-MONTH TERM BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,550,000)

WHEREAS, Town Nights serve as outlets for community members to come together and connect in safe, positive spaces to build community, nurture relationships and promote peace on the days and nights when violence happens most in the neighborhoods most impacted; and

WHEREAS, Town Nights is a series of weekly, evening events in parks, street closures, or other community spaces designed to nurture cross-racial, cross-cultural and cross-generational relationships *before* violence or crisis happens; and

WHEREAS, Town Nights is inspired by the Friday Night Lights program in Los Angeles, and Oakland began a similar program called Friday Summer Nights events in 2013 intended to disrupt violence by offering programming and extended-hour activities in neighborhoods with high rates of violence, during the peak hours when violence occurs; and

WHEREAS, Town Nights Events will take place in Fall/Winter 2021 and Summer 2022 and include programming (athletics, music, food, etc.) designed by youth and young adults recruited from the surrounding neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Town Nights involves community violence intervention specialists, who engage with youth and young adults to offer conflict mediation and peace-making support and also provides community-wide engagement and employment opportunities for youth and young adults; and

WHEREAS, past evaluations of Oakland's efforts found that during the weeks of the program, police incidents in and around the respective areas have declined in past summers and Los Angeles' Friday Night Lights has similarly impacted violence; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2021, City Council adopted the Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2021-23 (Resolution No. 88717 C.M.S.), which allocated general purpose funds to the Department of Violence Prevention in the amount of \$7,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2021-22 to

address the dramatic uptick in community and gender-based violence during the pandemic as part of the City's efforts to Reimagine Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the \$7,000,000 allocated to the Department of Violence Prevention will be used to fund grants to non-profit entities to administer Town Nights Events, a series of events designed to allow community members to gather in Oakland parks and neighborhoods to socialize in a safe environment; and

WHEREAS, Town Nights Events require a contract term that includes Summer 2022; and

WHEREAS, Roots Community Health Center and Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice will expand their community healing efforts to provide both a violence interruption team and conduct a series of Town Nights events; and

WHEREAS, Two agencies, TRYBE Inc. and Black Cultural Zone Community Development Corporation, will expand upon Community Ambassador efforts and TRYBE Inc will similarly provide both a violence interruption team and conduct Town Nights events; and

WHEREAS, The organizations included below were selected based upon their connection to Oakland neighborhoods and people most impacted by violence as well as past performance as current DVP grantees, where applicable, and their ability to work with young people to put on large community events in Oakland; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council awards grants agreements to the non-profit entities identified below in the specified amounts to conduct Town Nights Events :

DVP Town Nights Grants- General Purpose Fund

Agency Name	Amount
Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice	\$350,000
Roots Community Health Center	\$350,000
TRYBE Inc.	\$450,000
Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency	\$100,000
Black Cultural Zone Community Development Corporation	\$100,000
Movement Strategy Center (Fiscal sponsor for Urban Peace Movement Oakland)	\$200,000
TOTAL	\$1,550,000

; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and related actions which may be necessary for the above-referenced grant agreements, without increasing the amounts of the agreements;; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That each agreement shall be approved as to form and legality by the Office of the City Attorney and a fully executed copy of each agreement shall be filed 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