


CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION:

1. AWARDING GRANT AGREEMENTS USING SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (SAMHSA) FUNDS TO THREE AGENCIES IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$437,000 TO PROVIDE TRAUMA INFORMED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES TO HIGH-RISK YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES FROM OCTOBER 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026; AND

2. WAIVING THE LOCAL AND SMALL LOCAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM (L/SLBE) AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL/QUALIFICATIONS (RFP/Q) REQUIREMENTS AND AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS TO THREE ENTITIES IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 IN SAMHSA FUNDING FROM OCTOBER 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026; AND

3. AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO AMEND THE ABOVE GRANT AGREEMENTS AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF SAID AGREEMENTS USING CARRYOVER OR REALLOCATED GRANT FUNDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAMHSA AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland supports holistic community safety and the promotion of resiliency and equity for Oakland's high-risk youth and adults most affected by trauma, violence, and civil unrest; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Resiliency In Communities After Stress And Trauma (ReCAST), funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is to promote resiliency, healing, belonging, joy, and equity for Oakland's high-risk youth and families most affected by the interrelated challenges of racism, violence, civil unrest, trauma through implementation of evidence-based, violence prevention, and community youth engagement programs, as well as linkages to trauma-informed behavioral health services; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to continue to increase the capacity of City Departments and Divisions, local service provider networks, and community interventionists to provide and collaborate in the delivery of trauma-informed and culturally relevant services and activities for high-risk youth and families; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to continue community lead interventions that work uplifting art as a vital aspect of resilience and healing in Oakland's communities most impacted by injustice; and

WHEREAS, ReCAST wishes to transform and support City departments in collaboration with the Human Resources Department City Wide Training Department and funded community agencies to be trauma informed and healing organizations that break the cycle of retraumatizing communities; and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2021, the City Council approved Resolution No. 88964 C.M.S., which accepted and appropriated a grant awarded by the United States Substance Abuse And Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in the amount of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to be disbursed in equal payments of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) annually for five years for the Resiliency In Communities After Stress And Trauma (ReCAST) program from September 29, 2021 through September 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2023, the City Council approved Resolution No. 89942 C.M.S., which awarded one year grant agreements and professional services agreements, with the option to renew for an additional year, to certain entities to help provide trauma informed behavioral health services and training; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland wishes to continue the grant awards and professional services agreements authorized in Resolution No. 89942 C.M.S. to provide trauma informed training and behavioral health activities and support to Oakland youth and their families impacted by systemic racism, poverty and violence and meet the requirements of the SAMHSA grant from October 1, 2025 through December 30, 2026, as reflected in Tables 1 and 2 below:

Table 1: Oakland ReCAST Programming and Grant Awards

Grantees	Description	Not to Exceed Amount
AE Creative Consulting Partners, LLC	Develop art-based and culturally responsive approaches to healing activities for Oakland community members that promote resiliency, healing, belonging, joy, and equity.	\$75,000
The Youth Leadership Institute	Provide community-based programming for capacity building and grantmaking. Manage and facilitate the Community Grant Making program, and facilitate subgrant distribution.	\$262,000
Be The Change Consulting LLC	Provide a series of capacity building trainings to community-based organizations that serve youth and families most impacted by stress and trauma in East and West Oakland.	\$100,000
Total Grant Amount		\$437,000

; and

Table 2: Oakland ReCAST Programming and Professional Services Agreements

Contractors	Description	Not to Exceed Amount
Crisis Support Services of Alameda County	Implement a Mental Health Learning and Training Program to equip City staff and Individual and Group Therapy to equip community members with the knowledge and skills to recognize, understand, and appropriately respond to mental health challenges impacting Oakland residents.	\$75,000
East Bay Agency for Children	Provide trauma-informed training, coaching, and learning sessions to Human Services Department staff as part of our organizational change management efforts.	\$50,000
The Bridging Group, LLC	Provide independent evaluation services for program outcomes and reporting.	\$75,000
Total Contract Amount		\$200,000

; and

WHEREAS, the City Administrator has determined that the aforementioned professional services agreements are of a professional and temporary nature and shall not result in the loss of employment or salary by any person having permanent status in the competitive civil service; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.04.051(B) of the Oakland Municipal Code (“OMC”), authorizes the City Council to waive the competitive Request for Proposal/Request for Qualifications (“RFP/RFQ”) requirements for contracts in any amount upon finding that it is in the best interests of the City to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Council may waive the City's L/SLBE requirements for professional services contracts pursuant to Part I of Oakland's Local and Small Local Business Enterprise (L/SLBE) Program guidelines adopted by Ordinance No. 13825 C.M.S.; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that Council waive the applicable L/SLBE and RFP/Q requirements for the three contracts because the services to be provided are of a specialized nature and the organizations selected are the most qualified to fulfill these specialized trainings and evaluation services, and neither the proposed contractor nor staff have been able to identify any or a limited availability of LBE/SLBEs that can provide the services that are required under these contracts; and

WHEREAS, SAMHSA funding for Oakland ReCAST is appropriated in the Department of Health and Human Services Fund (2128), Department of Human Services: Administration Organization (78111), SAMHSA 09-29-26 FY26 Project (1007723), and Fostering Safe and Healthy Communities Program (SC22); and

WHEREAS, there may be additional carryover funding or funding, contingent upon the successful carryforward of unused prior year funding from FY 2024-25, that requires rapid drawdown from SAMHSA funding and staff recommends that Council authorize the City Administrator to add such funds to these grant agreements and professional service agreements, in accordance with SAMHSA authority and grant compliance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council awards the grant agreements to the aforementioned service providers in the amounts listed in Table 1 for a total amount not to exceed amount of \$437,000 from October 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026, subject to SAMHSA funding availability and compliance with SAMHSA requirements; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council awards professional services agreements to the aforementioned providers in the amounts listed in Table 2 for a total amount not to exceed amount of \$200,000 from October 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026, subject to SAMHSA funding availability and compliance with SAMHSA requirements; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That for the reasons stated herein and in the report that accompanies this Resolution, the City Council hereby finds and determines that there is limited certified vendor availability and it is in the best interests of the City to waive the RFP/Q requirements pursuant to OMC section 2.04.051(B) and L/SLBE program participation requirements pursuant to Oakland's Local and Small Local Business Enterprise Program guidelines adopted by Ordinance No. 13647 C.M.S., for the three (3) contracts, as applicable; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: If there is carryover SAMHSA funding from prior years or funding that must be reallocated prior to the grant termination, the City Administrator is authorized to increase the amount of these grant agreements and professional services agreements, in accordance with SAMHSA authority and grant compliance; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is authorized to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to agreements, amendments to extend the agreements for proper grant termination, and payment requests, and to take any other action consistent with this Resolution and its basic purpose.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROWN, FIFE, GALLO, HOUSTON, RAMACHANDRAN, UNGER, WANG, AND
PRESIDENT JENKINS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

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

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