



Office of the City Manager

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CONSENT CALENDAR  
March 8, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Lisa Warhuus, Director, Health, Housing, and Community Services

Subject: Contract No. 32100082 Amendment: Resource Development Associates to Facilitate Grant Writing for the Specialized Care Unit

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to amend a contract with Resource Development Associates (RDA) to add grant writing services for the Specialized Care Unit (SCU) and mental health system for a total contract limit of \$245,000 for the period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023. This amendment will add \$60,000 in funding and one year to the contract term.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The total not-to-exceed amount of this contract will be \$245,000. Resources for the contract will be provided from the following fund: \$60,000 in General Funds allocated to the Mental Health Division, ERMA GL Code 011-51-503-520-0000-000-451-612990, which is currently available in the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

On December 1, 2020 by Resolution No. 69,621-N.S., City Council approved Contract No. 32100082 with Resource Development Associates for SCU design. The contract amendment will fund grant writing services to support the creation and implementation of the SCU and enhance the mental health system.

BACKGROUND

The original contract with RDA was for a comprehensive feasibility study, community engagement process, best practice research, data collection, program design, and implementation plan for an SCU to respond to public safety calls that do not require presence of law enforcement. While RDA has been conducting the work for the scope in this contract, there have been opportunities to apply for grants that could support the SCU and help improve the mental health system. RDA is uniquely positioned to pursue these grants, given their detailed knowledge of the SCU project and their experience in grant development. This contract aligns with the Strategic Plan goal to champion and demonstrate social and racial equity.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects, climate impacts, or sustainability opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

RDA was selected as the vendor for the original contract through a competitive RFP process, and the evaluation panel for the RFP included both City Staff and community stakeholders. Given RDA's detailed knowledge of the SCU design and experience in grant development, they are uniquely qualified to perform the grant writing services in this amendment.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

No alternative actions were considered.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT NO. 32100082 AMENDMENT: RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
ASSOCIATES FOR SPECIALIZED CARE UNIT

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2020, the City Council of the City Berkeley passed a package of items providing direction for the development of a new paradigm of public safety in Berkeley that included direction to the City Manager to analyze and develop a pilot program to re-assign non-criminal police service calls to a Specialized Care Unit (SCU); and

WHEREAS, City of Berkeley community members would prefer a 24/7 mental health crisis response system that does not so heavily involve law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Resource Development Associates will conduct a comprehensive feasibility study, program design and implementation plan for an SCU to respond to public safety calls that do not require presence of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Resource Development Associates' services align with the Strategic Plan goal to champion and demonstrate social and racial equity; and

WHEREAS, Resource Development Associates was selected through a competitive Request for Proposals process; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2020 by Resolution No. 69,621-N.S. City Council approved Contract No. 32100082 with Resource Development Associates for SCU design; and

WHEREAS, this amendment will fund grant writing services to support the creation and implementation of the SCU framework designed by RDA and enhancement of the mental health system; and

WHEREAS, funds are currently available in the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or her designee is hereby authorized to amend the existing contract with Resource Development Associates (RDA) by adding \$60,000 to facilitate grant writing services for the Specialized Care Unit (SCU) for a total contract limit of \$245,000 for the period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023. A record signature copy of the contract and any amendments between the City and RDA shall be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

