



Office of the City Manager

**RECESS ITEM**  
CONSENT CALENDAR  
 September 14, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
 From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager  
 Submitted by: Lisa Warhuus, Director, Health, Housing & Community Services  
 Department  
 Subject: Contract No. 32000240 Amendment: Berkeley Unified School District for  
 Mental Health Services Act Funded Programs

**RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a Resolution ratifying the action taken by the City Manager during recess to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32000240 with Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD) to provide Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funded programs in local schools through June 30, 2022 increasing the contract by \$245,000 for a new total not to exceed amount of \$637,778.

**NEGATIVE EFFECT IF ACTION IS DELAYED UNTIL AFTER COUNCIL RECESS**

Payment of outstanding invoices to BUSD, a trusted partner in implementing a variety of programs for young people in Berkeley, will be delayed until a new academic year has begun, creating fiscal challenges for the vendor.

**FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Funds for the scope of work in the amount of \$245,000 will be provided from Mental Health Services Act Fund budget code: 315-51-503-526-2016-000-451-636110 (\$95,000 for the Dynamic Mindfulness Program and \$150,000 for the African American Success Project).

**CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS**

On May 11, 2021 via Resolution No. 69,836-N.S., City Council approved amending Contract No. 32000240 with BUSD. The subject of this report involves the same amendment, allowing funds from the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget to be used for the services provided.

In the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Mental Health Services Act Plan Update, funding for three BUSD projects was continued, and funding for one additional project was added. These programs have continued in the most recent academic year, with the exception of the MEET program, which was paused due to challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. This council item is the mechanism for approval to transfer funds for these

projects to BUSD. Moreover, it allows the Mental Health Division to provide oversight for that funding through monitoring an approved contract.

The Mental Health Division has worked closely with BUSD for many years, successfully implementing a variety of programs to support the needs and enhance the well-being of the student body, and providing a solid foundation for positive youth development. Funding programs to be administered directly by BUSD has proven to be an effective model in the past, as it allows educators to tailor programs to meet the individual needs of students within the context of their school setting. Funding for these services and supports have been carried over from Fiscal Year 2021 and included in the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.

#### BACKGROUND

On November 12, 2019 via Resolution No. 69,168-N.S., City Council approved entering into a contract with BUSD that encompassed four separate programs, each of which are administered by BUSD: the Mental Health Peer Education and Supports Project, the Dynamic Mindfulness Program, the Supportive Schools Program, and the African American Success Project.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, BUSD has encountered difficulties implementing the MEET program during Fiscal Year 2020-2021, and has requested that funding for this program be omitted from the current contract, with hopes to implement this important program in future years. The Supportive Schools program was implemented in Fiscal year 2020-2021, but funding for this program had been accounted for in previous fiscal years, so BUSD has agreed to forgo receiving additional funding for the program specifically in this contract. In future contracts, funding for both of these programs will be added.

The State of California MHSAs provide funding for local mental health services and supports. City of Berkeley MHSAs Three Year Program and Expenditure Plans (Three Year Plans) and Annual Updates detail the uses of local MHSAs funds. Development of local MHSAs Three Year Plans and Annual Updates require community program planning, writing a draft plan, providing a 30-day public review, and conducting a public hearing at the Mental Health Commission.

#### 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

BUSD is a trusted partner in the implementation of programs to ensure students' needs are met in the most effective manner possible. Each of the programs funded by this contract were developed as a result of feedback from stakeholders and went through a

lengthy community input process before being presented to City Council as part of the MHSA Plan Annual Update.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Council could delay considering this item until it is back in session, causing a significant delay in payment to the vendor.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

CONTRACT NO. 32000240 AMENDMENT: BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
(BUSD) FOR MENTAL HEALTH MHSA-FUNDED PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2019 via Resolution No. 69,168-N.S., City Council approved entering into a contract with BUSD to fund the Mental Health Peer Education and Supports Project, the Dynamic Mindfulness Program, the Supportive Schools Program, and the African American Success Project; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2021 via Resolution No. 69,836-N.S., City Council approved amending Contract No. 32000240; and

WHEREAS, community input and stakeholder feedback has determined a need for the programs being funded; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD) has been a trusted partner in the implementation of a variety of programs in collaboration with the City; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in FY22 in Mental Health Services Act Fund budget code: ERMA GL Account 315-51-503-526-2016-000-451-636110 (\$95,000 for the Dynamic Mindfulness Program and \$150,000 for the African American Success Project).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Council ratifies the action taken by the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32000240 with the Berkeley Unified School District for MHSA-funded programs through June 30, 2022 increasing the contract by \$245,000 for a new total not to exceed amount of \$637,778. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the City Clerk Department.