



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
September 28, 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
Subject: Contract: Berkeley Free Clinic for Laboratory Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to execute a contract and any amendments or extensions with the Berkeley Free Clinic (BFC) for laboratory services, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

\$50,000 for this contract is available in ERMA Discretionary General Fund Account: 011-51-506-555-0000-000-451-636110 in the adopted Fiscal Year 2022 budget. \$50,000 annually will also be included in the Fiscal Year 2023 and Fiscal Year 2024 budgets.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

This contract provides financial support to BFC by reimbursing it for clinical laboratory expenses up to \$50,000 annually for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. These clinical laboratory services are related to reproductive and sexual health and will be provided by a clinical laboratory which is currently licensed and in good standing.

BACKGROUND

Berkeley Public Health Division has a longstanding partnership with BFC, providing funding for laboratory services for BFC clients. BFC was founded in 1969 and is an essential safety-net provider of health care services in Berkeley. Fees have never been charged for any services, materials, medications or supplies provided at BFC. Income has been generated solely via individual or organizational donations and government programs. Direct services are provided almost exclusively by volunteer lay health care workers. Volunteers receive extensive and specific training in classroom and clinical settings. Treatments, referrals and guidance are provided in a client-centered context, and are appropriate to the client's lifestyle, culture, language and financial situation.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

The provision of laboratory services by a currently licensed laboratory in good standing ensures that the production of medical and laboratory waste is minimized, and that potential negative impacts from such waste is avoided or mitigated.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

BFC offers free health care services, provided by volunteer staff, to uninsured, disenfranchised, and under-served populations. Services include reproductive and sexual health services for men, women, and transgender individuals. These services complement those provided by the City and other community health care providers, and support public health goals of improving the health and well-being of the community.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The City could discontinue its long standing support of BFC clients' laboratory fees. This was rejected because of the negative impact it would have on the delivery of health care services to uninsured, disenfranchised, and under-served populations in the city of Berkeley.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

CONTRACT: BERKELEY FREE CLINIC FOR CLINICAL LABORATORY SERVICES

WHEREAS, Berkeley Public Health Division has a longstanding partnership with Berkeley Free Clinic (BFC), providing funding for laboratory services for BFC clients; and

WHEREAS, BFC was founded in 1969 and is an essential safety-net provider of health care services in Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, BFC offers free health care services, provided by volunteer staff, to uninsured, disenfranchised, and under-served populations; and

WHEREAS, BFC's services complement those provided by the City and other community health care providers, and support public health goals of improving the health and well-being of the community; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the Fiscal Year 2022 budget in the Discretionary General Fund

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or her designee is authorized to execute an expenditure contract and any amendments or extensions with the Berkeley Free Clinic (BFC) in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 (\$50,000 annually) for the purpose of funding clinical laboratory expenses for BFC clients related to reproductive and sexual health; ERMA Discretionary General Fund Account: 011-51-506-555-0000-000-451-636110. A record signature copy of said contract to be on file in the office of the City Clerk.

