



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
December 13, 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: Statewide Prevention and Early Intervention Project FY2023  
Participation Agreement – California Mental Health Services Authority

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to enter into a Participation Agreement for FY2023 and any amendments with the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) to allocate Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds in the amount of \$70,907 to participate in the Statewide Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Project, for a total amount not to exceed \$70,907 through June 30, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding in the amount of \$70,907 for this PEI Statewide Project, is available in the FY2023 Budget in the Mental Health Services Act Fund (Fund #315).

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Through the City's approved *MHSA Three Year Plans and Annual Updates*, 4% of the City's MHSA funds designated for PEI have been allocated annually to participate in the Statewide PEI Project administered by the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA). Since 2018, the City has participated in this initiative. In FY2022, CalMHSA began requiring mental health jurisdictions to enter into a Participation Agreement on an annual basis in order to allocate funds and continue to receive services through the Statewide PEI Project. Staff recommend that Council approve executing the Statewide PEI Project Participation Agreement for FY2023 and transfer of funds to CalMHSA to be able to continue to receive information and resources from this project.

California mental health jurisdictions, like the City of Berkeley, can elect to participate in the PEI program by allocating a portion of local MHSA PEI funds on an annual basis to CalMHSA. CalMHSA then contracts for a variety of mental health prevention and early intervention activities which benefit the local jurisdictions.

Funded services have included the distribution of information and resources on suicide prevention, stigma and discrimination reduction, and student mental health for local use. Staff in the Mental Health Division of the Department of Health, Housing and Community Services (HHCS/MH) have also received trainings on client “Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Expression” (SOGIE) through this project. Most recently, HHCS/MH has distributed materials in the community on the “Take Action for Mental Health” campaign, a new initiative of this project. This PEI funded project enables HHCS/MH to broaden the reach of information and resources to a wider population across the City. MHSA PEI funds are integral in supporting individuals with a variety of mental health needs across the spectrum of care.

### BACKGROUND

The California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) that was formed in 2009 to create a separate public entity to provide administrative and fiscal services in support of members mental/behavioral health departments statewide acting alone or in collaboration with other Departments. CalMHSA is governed by a Board of Directors that is comprised of the participating county or city mental/behavioral health director and contributing cities/counties provide direction into the types of initiatives that are implemented.

Since 2018, the amount paid for this initiative on an annual basis has varied from year to year, between \$42,000 to \$66,000, depending on the amount of local PEI revenue. With Resolution No. 70,461-N.S., the City Council approved the *MHSA FY2023 Annual Update* and allocated \$70,907 of local PEI funds in FY2023 for this initiative.

### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the subject of this project.

### RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

PEI services were included in the City’s MHSA Plan because of community need and interest. Council previously approved the MHSA Plan which identified using these funds for this purpose. The PEI program is an important resource that provides information, services, and supports to individuals with a variety of mental health needs across the system of care. Authorizing the required agreement will allow the community to access these resources.

### ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The City could opt to stop participating in CalMHSA’s PEI Initiative. Staff do not recommend this course of action because of the high value of these services to the community.

### CONTACT PERSON

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Attachment:  
1. Resolution

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

STATEWIDE PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION PROJECT FY2023  
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT - CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA), that provides administrative and fiscal services in support of Members' Mental/Behavioral Health Departments acting alone or in collaboration with other Departments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley is a participant in this JPA; and

WHEREAS, since 2018, through City Council-*approved MHSA Three Year Plans and Annual Updates* the City of Berkeley has allocated four percent of local Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) funds to participate in the statewide PEI program; and

WHEREAS, beginning in FY2022 in order to participate and allocate local PEI funds for this initiative, CalMHSA began requiring counties/cities to enter into an annual Participation Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the FY2022 Participation Agreement was executed and funds were allocated to participate in this initiative; and

WHEREAS, per Resolution No. 70,461-N.S., the City Council approved the City's MHSA FY2023 Annual Update, which allocates \$70,907 of local PEI funds for this initiative; and

WHEREAS, in order to execute the FY2023 Participation Agreement and allocate funds to CalMHSA to continue participation in this initiative, City Council approval is required; and

WHEREAS, funding in the amount of \$70,907 for this PEI Statewide Project, is available in the FY2023 Budget in the Mental Health Services Act Fund (Fund #315).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or her designee is hereby authorized to execute a Statewide PEI Project Participation Agreement for FY2023 and any amendments with CalMHSA, and allocate funds in the amount of \$70,907 for a total amount not to exceed \$70,907, through June 30, 2023.