DISASTER AND FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

May 22, 2024

7:00 PM

Fire Department Division of Training Classroom – 997 Cedar Street

Mayor's Appointee- Andy Katz

District 1 – Michael Wilson	District 5 – Shirley Dean
District 2 – Weldon Bradstreet	District 6 – Greg Murphy
District 3 – Vacant	District 7 – Harrison Raine
District 4 – Robert Kinosian	District 8 – Theo Gordon

AGENDA

Preliminary Matters

Call to Order

Approval of the Agenda

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters public speakers.

- Chairperson's Report –
- 2. Fire Department Staff Report*

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3. Action: Minutes of March 27, 2024

Recommendation: Approve the draft minutes of the March 27, 2024

regular meeting.

Written Material: March 27, 2024 Draft Minutes

Presentation:

4. Discussion/Action: Discussion on whether to hold a future DFSC Regular

meeting for the missed April meeting.

Recommendation: Approve/Dismiss a future DFSC Regular meeting to

make up the canceled April Regular meeting or skip

Written Material: COB Religious-Cultural Holidays 2024

5. **Discussion/Action:** Recommendation to City Council on the Measure

GG/FF Tax Rate Adjustments

Recommendation: Approve/Dismiss the increase to use the 2024 CPI or

PIG Tax Rate Adjustments.

6. Work Group Report

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- 7. Future Agenda Items and Next Steps

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The Defensible Space Resident Assistance Program (RAP), which allows eligible residents to apply to have city contractors come to their property and bring it into compliance has been re-tooled and will be

expanded this year. To qualify, residents must demonstrate they meet income, age and/or disability thresholds. The Department will identify eligible areas based on risk and only residents within these areas are eligible to apply.

This year residents who fail to comply with inspections will be issued citations through the City's new digital citation platform. This represents a big improvement in our ability to follow through and address non-compliant properties.

- Safe Passage The Fire Department has contracted with a vendor to help the City of Berkeley meet requirements outlined in SB 99, AB 747, and AB 1409, provide City with professional services in the areas of traffic and evacuation modeling and planning, given various evacuation and/or emergency response scenarios as determined by the City.
 - Update: Evacuation Time Study work is ongoing. Staff is working with scientists from the University of Buffalo to create fire spread models that incorporate fire spread from both vegetation and the built environment. When these models are complete, the resulting fire spread simulations will be used as scenarios for the Evacuation Time Study. Ultimately these projects together will compare how quickly a fire will spread with how quickly people can evacuate.
- ii. Implementation & Metrics
 - Outdoor Warning System No new updates.
- 2. Measure GG Monthly Report
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- 3. Fire Facilities Master Plan (FMP): Berkeley Fire Department stations are undersized, in poor condition and in need of remodels or replacement. The Department initiated a long-term replacement planning process to better understand infrastructure needs. This

process will provide the City leaders of today and tomorrow with actionable information ahead of future infrastructure bond measures. (Measure FF has funded the study only)

a. Update: No new update

4. Department Activities

- a. Administration Building Lease We are still working towards a Lease Agreement with the property on Gilman and Ninth St.
- b. **Transportation Project Tracking:** Staff is continuing to meet with Public Works Transportation Division in an effort to develop a clear, documented process by which transportation projects will move through the city and obtain the necessary input and approvals.

5. Grants

- a. **SAFER Grant Planning:** We were not successful in this grant cycle but have retained the services of a grant writer and will be resubmitting in the next cycle.
 - i. We have re-submitted the SAFER staffing application.

6. Call Volume Report

	Fire Department Report by California Incident Type							
	March 2024	April 2024						
Fires – including Encampment Fires (structures, mobile properties, vegetation, rubbish, equipment, cooking, chimney,	40	34						
Encampment Fires (structures, warming/cooking, debris)	31	33						

Explosion - no fire (overpressure ruptures, explosions)	1	0
Rescue & EMS (medical assist, vehicle accident	887	828
Hazardous Condition - no fire (combustible spills/leaks, chemical release, radioactive condition, electrical wiring problem, biological hazard, potential accident w/ building/aircraft/vehicles)	55	39
Service Calls (person in distress, water issue, smoke/odor problem, animal issue, public assist, cover assignment/standby)	94	72
Good Intent (canceled en-route, wrong location, nothing found, steam mistaken for smoke)	107	102
False Alarm Calls (malicious, malfunction, unintentional, biohazard scare)	223	206

Severe WX (lightening, wind storms)	3	0
Special Incidents (citizen complaints)	3	2
TOTAL	1,413	1,283
1	Apparatus Count	
	3,256	3,047

DFSC Action Tracker

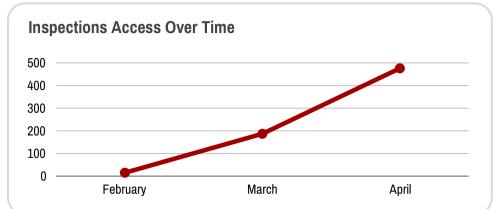
Date of DFSC Action	Description	Status
12/6/2023	That the Berkeley City Council pass a resolution to support the Fire Department in using Measure FF funds to conduct one-time eucalyptus understory clean-ups on select, participating private properties within the City	Item heard by Council on 5/7/2024. Adopted Resolution No. 71,316–N.S.
10/25/2023	Provide a recommendation to City Council on the development of a plan that includes a feasibility study and identification of funding sources for constructing an emergency secondary access/egress road on Panoramic Hill	Agenda Committee referred the item to Public Safety Committee. No date set for next meeting as of 5/14
3/24/2024	Support The Fire Department To Fund a Program Manager II Position	City Council Agenda 5/7/2024. Approved recommendation amended to include: In line with the City Manager's recommendation to refer this item to the budget process, refer to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Budget Process \$265,000 to fund a Program Manager II position within the Fire Department to support street trauma prevention

Dashboard | March - April, 2024

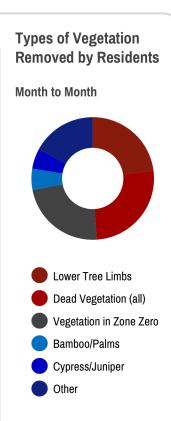
Prepared for the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission by the Berkeley Fire Department



	Defensible Space Inspections:		187 600 5 5		Total Inspections Inspectors		
177	591	Inspections	10	9	Re-inspections		
473	1,539	Discoveries	220	312	Unresolved Items		
50	157	Violations	42	40	Resolved Violations		
0	0	Citations	54 %	40%	Full Inspection Access		



Open Vegetation Program Chipping Citywide pickups throughout fire season March - December Cubic vards of 257 208 flammable material removed Completed pickups 86 city-wide 2 2 Weeks completed surveyed residents stated the Chipper **79%** 80% Day initiated vegetation removal





Pending Applications

In-Progress Applications

Grizzly Peak Project



Stage 1

- Initiated a communications plan for the entirety of the grant work
- Executing contracts for vegetation removal vendors
- Initiated build out of a webpage for up to date information
- Working to identify a contractor to begin biological monitoring of nesting birds

Works Completed

- · Marketing materials (emails, letter, logo)
- Cal Topo map & interactive map link
- Map illustration
- · Email automation for residents to stay connected

FY2024 Measure GG Quarterly Report

			Actuals										
Program	Original Budget	Revised Budget	J	Q1 uly-Sept. 2023		Q2 OctDec. 2023		Q3 JanMar. 2024	Q4 AprJune 2024	То	tal to Date	% Budget Available	Available Budget
Disaster Prep	\$ 1,131,367	\$ 1,319,976	\$	136,847	\$	143,756	\$	133,996	\$ -	\$	414,599	69%	\$ 905,377
FRALS	\$ 407,159	\$ 413,107	\$	14,246	\$	53,776	\$	49,675	\$ -	\$	117,697	72%	\$ 295,410
Minimum Staffing	\$ 2,947,346	\$ 2,947,346	\$	-	\$	371,735	\$	1,312,184	\$ -	\$	1,683,919	43%	\$ 1,263,427
Radio Interoperability	\$ 822,945	\$ 1,622,945	\$	258,300	\$	241,208	\$	378,738	\$ -	\$	878,246	46%	\$ 744,699
Training	\$ 299,818	\$ 299,818	\$	66,761	\$	95,662	\$	98,606	\$ 1	\$	261,029	13%	\$ 38,789
Community Outreach - HHCS	\$ 289,672	\$ 290,285	\$	53,867	\$	64,762	\$	72,091	\$ -	\$	190,720	34%	\$ 99,565
Totals	\$ 5,898,307	\$ 6,893,477	\$	530,021	\$	970,899	\$	2,045,290	\$ -	\$	3,546,210	49%	\$ 3,347,267

PROGRAM/VENDOR	AMOUNT	FY24 BUDGET		NOTES
Administration	527,867	608,792	86.71%	Mica Office Complica
B&H PHOTO SALARIES & BENEFITS	671 337,198			Misc. Office Supplies Salary & Benefits
CONFERENCE EXPENSES	505			Professional development
INTERIOR MOTIONS	2,006 61,606			New office configuration Situational Awareness Consultant
INTTERRA LLC MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	73,696			Radio Communications Equipment
SMARTSHEETS	3,990			Project management software license
STATION AUTOMATION TAMARACK MANAGEMENT LLC	16,695 31,500			New station alerting technology Emergency Operations Center tabletop exersize
Dispatch	183,106	304,172	60.20%	Emorgency Operations Comer tubiotop Character
SALARIES & BENEFITS	175,915	,		Salary & Benefits
MISSION CRITICAL PARTNERS LLC	7,191	4 4 5 4 0 4 0	C4 4 C0/	Dispatch needs analysis consultant
ALLSTAR FIRE EQUIPMENT	2,539,099 5,986	4,151,346	61.16%	Equipment
AT&T	2,618			Equipment
BETTER SOURCE INC CONFERENCE EXPENSES	3,051 1,711			Office chairs Professional development
INT SVC - VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS	98,496			Vehicle Replacement Fund
INT SVC - VEHICLE FUEL/MAINT	9,899			Vehicle Fuel and Maintenance
FREIGHT & SALVAGE L.N. CURTIS & SONS	400 3,349			Paramedic academy graduation Tech Rescue Equipment
ORKIN EXTERMINATING	2,980			Exterminator
PYRAMID FILMS CORP SALARIES & BENEFITS	1,393 2,270,270			CPR Cards and Training Courses Salary & Benefits
SCHOOL OUTFITTERS	12,156			Classroom equipment
SERFLING, ETHAN	6,019			New station furniture (ambulance transition)
TECHNIMOUNT SYSTEMS WELLS FARGO BANK N.A.	1,660 12,915			Equipment Equipment
ZOLL MEDICAL CORP HEADQUATER	106,196			EKG monitors for new ambulances
Operations	504,930	1,025,249	49.25%	Equipment
AMS.NET ATLAS PHONES	22,910 509			Equipment Equipment
В&Н РНОТО	62			Misc. Office Supplies
CENTRAL VALLEY AUTOMOTIVE CITYGATE ASSOCIATES, LLC	40,762 11,651			Vehicle Standards of Coverage consultant
CONFERENCE EXPENSES	1,526			Professional development
COOKE AND ASSOCIATES, INC	44,688			Background Investigations
DUTON WOODWORKING / LE SHOPPE INTERIOR MOTIONS	4,859 179			New station furniture (ambulance transition) New office configuration
ELS ARCHITECTURE & URBAN DESIGN	1,625			New fire headquarters design/management
GANEY SCIENCE	20,586			Project Management & SME Operations Admin, Dispatch, EMS, WUI
L.N. CURTIS & SONS	11,204			Tech Rescue Equipment
SALARIES & BENEFITS	88,690			Salaries and Benefits
SIEGEL & STRAIN ARCHITECTS SWIFTHAWK CONSULTING	50,048 139,212			Fire Facilities Master Planning Process Project Management
TSI INCORPORATION	64,727			Equipment
VARI SALES CORPORATION WELLS FARGO BANK N.A.	422 1,270			Equipment Equipment
Paramedics Tax	,,=,,=,	0		
				No expenses yet
Training	83,809	457,559	18.32%	
L.N. CURTIS & SONS	999 370			Training equipment Printing
MINUTEMAN PRESS MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SVCS	6,195			Equipment
O2X HUMAN PERFORMANCE, LLC	8,379			Employee Health and Wellness
SALARIES & BENEFITS TURNING OUT SOLUTIONS	23,188 1,017			Salaries and Benefits Equipment
UNITED FENCE SERVICES INC	28,567			Fence/gate upgrade to training center
UNITED SITE SERVICES WELLS FARGO BANK N.A.	2,661 12,433			Training Supplies Equipment
WUI/FP	1,967,253	4,181,940	47.04%	Equipment
ALLIANCE GRAPHICS	1,880	4,101,040	4710470	Uniforms for WUI Interns
AMBIANCE CREATIVE	21,550 909			Event Mgmt 1923 Fire Ready Event
BAY AREA COMMUNICATION ACCESS BLAISDELL'S BUSINESS PRODUCTS	821			Interpreting Svcs 1923 Fire Ready Event Misc. Office Supplies
BLUE HERON BIKES INC	23,172			E-bikes for inspectors
CALTOPO CONFERENCE EXPENSES	2,000 1,926			Mapping Software Subscription Professional development
DEPT. OF FORESTRY & FIRE PROTECTION	525			Professional development
EAST BAY BLUE PRINT & SUPPLY	558 3,575			Signage 1923 Fire Ready Event Supplies for 1923 Fire Ready Event
EVENT MAGIC, INC. FIREASIDE, INC	19,789			Defensible Space Inspection Software
FORSTER & KROEGER LANDSCAPE MAINT.	9,566			Curbside Chipping Svcs
GALPIN MOTORS GELFAND, SCOTT	50,305 1,000			Vehicle Fire Ready Fest Coordinator
GENASYS INC	501,352			Outdoor Alerting System
INT SVC - CITY PKG PERMITS	24,969 186,151			Employee parking permits Evacuation & Response Time Study
KLD ENGINEERING, P.C. MAILING SYSTEMS, INC	19,729			Mailing for 1923 Fire Ready Event
MINUTEMAN PRESS	691			Materials/Printing
PACHECO LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT PROTIVITY	5,550 7,553			Hazardous Vegetation Treatment Temporary Staffing
SALARIES & BENEFITS	887,848			Salary & Benefits
SINGLE CYLINDER REPAIR	4,975			Equipment Chipper Day Program
Transfer Station Chipper Day Program TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	14,335 16,000			Chipper Day Program Tablet Command Interface
UAG CLOVIS INC	42,480			Vehicle
VERIZON WIRELESS (AIRTIME)	5,131			Phone Service
WELLS FARGO BANK N.A. WILDLAND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	10,399 54,918			Equipment Community Wildfire Protection Plan (WCPP) Consultant
WORLD TREE SERVICE INC	23,399			Property Projects site cleaning
	24,197			Project management for Resident Assistance Program
WRA, INC	21,101			, 3

Measure FF YTD Multi Year Contracts

Program	Vendor	Encumbered Amount	YTD Actual Expenses to Date	Available Amount
CWPP Consultant	50457 - WILDLAND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	200,000	54,667	145,333
Dispatch System	53031 - FEDERAL ENGINEERING, INC.	83,000	83,000	0
Fire Facilities Master Planning Process	15419 - SIEGEL & STRAIN ARCHITECTS	275,000	271,919	3,081
Outdoor Alerting System	52975 - GENASYS INC	2,152,447	1,974,447	178,000
Patient Simulators Equipment	53404 - GAUMARD SCIENTIFIC COMPANY, INC	330,753	320,766	9,987
Project Planning & Consultant	52887 - GANEY SCIENCE	1,130,192	830,192	300,000
Real Estate Consultants	50274 - SILVA BUSINESS CONSULTING	108,740	108,740	0
Safe Passages Program	20746 - CHRISP COMPANY	41,354	41,354	0
Standards of Cover and Continued Data Analysis	52813 - CITYGATE ASSOCIATES, LLC	200,000	200,000	0
Tech Rescue Equipment	232 - L.N. CURTIS & SONS	70,901	70,901	(0)
Temporary Staffing	52153 - PROTIVITI GOVERNMENT SERVICES, INC.	67,500	40,972	26,528
Vehicle Upfitting	24336 - LEHR AUTO ELECTRIC	104,000	22,015	81,985
WUI Software	53395 - FIRE ASIDE, INC	160,000	73,694	86,306
1923 Berkeley Commemoration Event Mgmt	54256 - AMBIANCE CREATIVE	22,000	21,550	450
Vegetation Reduction Pilot Program Consultant	54482 - WRA, INC	24,872	24,197	676
Situational Awareness Consultant	54437- INTTERRA LLC			
Hazardous Vegetation Treatment	54409 - PACHECO LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT	50,000	5,550	44,450
Vegetation Reduction Pilot Program Consultant	54413 - WORLD TREE SERVICE, INC	50,000	23,399	26,601
Grand Total		5,070,759	4,167,363	903,396

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Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM

Present: Wilson, Bradstreet, Dean, Kinosian, Darling, Raine, Bradstreet, Katz

(arrived 7:16) Absent: Darling LOA:

Approval of the Agenda

Discussion.

Motion to approve: Bradstreet

Second: Dean Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

Agenda Approved

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

8 Public Attendees Katz arrived 7:16 PM

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(Commissioner Dean asked if staff can add more data to show increase or decrease in number in the Call Volume Report)

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Motion to approve: Dean (is it possible to include public speakers and a brief

verbiage of their comments?)

Second: Gordon

Vote: Ayes: Nays: Abstain:

Approved!

4. Discussion and Action: Support The Request By The Fire Department To

Fund a Program Manager II Position (Wilson)

Recommendation: The DFSC supports the request by the Fire

Department (Department) to fund a Program Manager II position that will be responsible for building a Street Trauma Prevention (STP) program in the Department. This program is necessary to meet the City's Vision Zero goal of eliminating severe and fatal traffic crashes by 2028.

Written Material: Fire Department Street Trauma Prevention (STP)

Program

Wilson made a friendly amendment..."A Program Manager II is needed to establish and build the STP program. The STP program will coordinate with other City departments and commissions to integrate the Department's perspectives

on both response and prevention into the City's traffic safety projects related to Vision Zero and other policies."

Kinosian – Talked about another about verbiage...why is this in it. Wilson -The FC raised last month requires a Mission Change in the FD. We want to make sure that this in the operations and equipment decisions. Kinosian made a friendly amendment..."Research shows that street trauma can be reduced through hardened, engineered traffic controls."

Much Commission discussion.

8 Public Speakers

Motion to approved the Recommendation as amended - Wilson

Second: Gordon

Vote: Katrz, Wilson, Bradstreet, Kinosian, Dean, Raine, Gordon Ayes: Nays:

Abstain: Murphy

Approved

5. **Discussion:** Amendment of City Documents for a Definition of

Public Safety" (Dean)

Recommendation: That the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission

Safety Commission Recommends That The City Council Amend The Appropriate City Documents To Include a

Definition of "Public Safety"

Written Material: Draft Report

Presentation:

After much Commission discussion... Raine asked that the two recommendations be separated and brought back to the Commission next month. The item was pulled by Dean until the next meeting.

2 Public Speakers

Motion to approve:

Second:

Vote: Ayes: Nays: Abstain:

THESE ITEMS SHOULD APPEAR AS THE LAST TWO AGENDA ITEMS - Weldon

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Motion to Adjourn: Bradstreet

Second: Murphy

By acclamation at 9:14 PM

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Religion	Holiday		2024 D	Pate(s)
Shinto	New Year	1/1/2024	thru 1	1/3/2024
Hindu	Makar Sankranti	1/14/2024		
Cultural	Chinese New Year (Eve, Day, Lantern Festival)	2/9, 2/10, 2/24		
Isalm	Ramadan (Eve & First Night)	3/10/2024	thru 3	3/11/2024
Jewish*	Purim	3/23/2024	thru 3	3/24/2024
Hindu	Holi	3/25/2024		
Christian	Good Friday	3/29/2024		
Christian	Easter Sunday	3/31/2024		
Islam	Eid al-Fitr	4/9/2024	thru 4	4/12/2024
Jewish	Passover (Nights 1, 2, 7, 8)	4/22 - 4/24 & 4/29 - 4/30		
Jewish*	Yom HaShoah	5/5/2024	thru 5	5/6/2024
Buddhist	Vesak	5/23/2024		
Jewish	Shavuot	6/11/2024	thru 6	6/13/2024
Islam	Eid al-Adha	6/15/2024	thru 6	6/19/2024
Jewish*	Tish'a B'Av	8/12/2024	thru 8	8/13/2024
Shinto	Obon Ceremony	8/13/2024	thru 8	8/15/2024
Jewish	Rosh Hashanah	10/2/2024	thru 1	10/4/2024
Jewish	Yom Kippur	10/11/2024	thru 1	10/12/2024
Hindu	Dussehra	10/12/2024		
Jewish	Sukkot (1st Day)	10/16 - 10/18 & 10/23		
Jewish	Shmini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah	10/23/2024	thru 1	10/25/2024
Hindu	Diwali	10/31/2024		
Baha'i Faith	Birth of Bab	11/1/2024	thru 1	11/2/2024
Baha'i Faith	Birth of Baja'u'llah	11/2/2024	thru 1	11/3/2024
Christian	Christmas	12/25/2024		
Jewish	Chanukah (1st night)	12/25/2024		
Cultural	Kwanzaa	12/26/2024	thru 1	1/1/2025
Jewish	Shabbat (Friday sunset to Saturday sunset)	Weekly		

^{*} No work restriction, but avoid scheduling meetings if possible

Public Comment of Nancy Rader, on behalf of the Berkeley FireSafe Council March 27, 2024, Meeting of the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission

In the spirit of the Department taking a preventative approach to street safety, the BFSC offers an idea that could improve street conditions relatively quickly, while also addressing wildfire concerns.

The department's Defensible Space Inspection Program includes enforcement of the roadside vegetation regulation [BFC Section 4906.5.5] that requires clearing vegetation that can transmit fire within 10 feet of roads and driveways. This will be a sensitive issue for many homeowners, and the department will need to carefully develop an approach to it. The program should also consider that some roadside vegetation is on city property and may require the involvement of the Public Works Dept.

So, we thought that it might make sense for the initial priority for roadside vegetation to be in areas where the vegetation is not only a fire and egress/ingress hazard but a visibility hazard for pedestrians, cyclists, and cars. Vegetation may have been a contributing factor in the recent pedestrian death at the corner of Oxford and Marin, where there is a large bush at the corner that obscures visibility. (That bush may be on city property because it is between the sidewalk and the street.)

Overgrown vegetation is a particular problem for wildfire transmission, ingress/egress, and visibility on curvy roads in the hills where there are no sidewalks and roads are narrow. Shasta Road between Tamalpais and Keith is a good example of overgrown vegetation that encroaches on the roadway and substantially impairs visibility in several places; and it is a narrow street without sidewalks that is well-used by cyclists and pedestrians. In fact, an entire high school bicycle team regularly rides up it. I've encountered them at a blind curve (made more blind with vegetation) and it made me very nervous.

Therefore, the BFSC recommends that the Commission advocate that the city fully fund the inspection program generally in the upcoming budget process, and that it include the development of a program to address roadside vegetation beginning with areas where visibility is obscured. This is a relatively low cost and quick measure to improve safety on our streets.

Thank you.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL

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REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE CITY'S ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

The Health, Housing, and Community Services Department (HHCS) will conduct a Public Hearing addressing the proposed **Annual Action Plan for Program Year (PY) 2024** (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025) which includes recommended allocations of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 4:00 P.M. in the Berkeley Unified School District Board Room - 1231 Addison Street, Berkeley, CA 94702.

A copy of the agenda material for this hearing will be available on the City Council agenda webpage at https://berkeleyca.gov/your-government/city-council/city-council-agendas in advance of the meeting. Once posted, the agenda for this meeting will include a link for public participation using Zoom video technology, as well as any health and safety requirements for in-person attendance.

Accommodations Provided Upon Request. To request a disability-related accommodation(s) to participate in the meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please contact the Disability Services specialist at 981-6342 (V) or 981-6345 (TDD) at least three business days before the meeting date. Providing at least three working days' notice will help to ensure availability at the meeting.

The proposed **PY 2024 Annual Action Plan** required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), outlines the City's housing and community development program for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The plan also outlines the proposed use of the estimated \$2,903,402 in **Community Development Block Grant** (**CDBG**) funds available for housing related activities, improvement of public facilities, public services, and planning and administration. In addition, the plan outlines the proposed use of \$232,452, the majority of which is used for rapid re-housing financial assistance, outreach and/or shelter for people who are homeless in Berkeley under the **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)**, and the use of an estimated \$749,633 in **HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)** funds for affordable housing development and rehabilitation.

<u>PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD</u>: The public also from April 5, 2024 through May 7, 2024 to submit written comments on the PY2024 Annual Action Plan. **A draft of the Plan will be available for public review** on the web at https://berkeleyca.gov/community-recreation/community-services/hud-planning-performance-reports.

Physical copies of the public comment draft will be made available at the following locations:

- Berkeley Main Library: Reference Desk, on the 2nd Floor, 2090 Kittredge Street, Berkeley; and
- Health, Housing, and Community Services Department, 2180 Milvia Street, 2nd Floor, Berkeley.

All written comments must be either sent by email to both RBabka@berkeleyca.gov AND SFCPDMail@hud.gov, or by letter, or other legible written form, to Health, Housing, and Community Services Department, 2180 Milvia Street, 2nd Floor, Berkeley, and received no later than May 7, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

For residents and groups that would like assistance in translating this report into another language, please contact HHCS at (510) 981-5400 or hHCS@berkeleyca.gov.

For general information, please contact Rhianna Babka (phone: (510) 981-5410 or email: RBabka@berkeleyca.gov) at HHCS 2180 Milvia Street, 2nd Floor, Berkeley, 94704.

El Departamento de Servicios de Salud, Vivienda y Servicios Comunitarios llevará a cabo una audiencia pública para tratar el **Plan de Acción Anual para el Año (PY) 2024** (1 de julio de 2024 a 30 de junio de 2025), el cual incluye las asignaciones recomendadas de fondos de la Beca de Desarrollo del Bloque Comunitario (Community Development Block Grant-CDBG), Beca de Soluciones de Emergencia (Emergency Solutions Grant - ESG) y la beca HOME.

La audiencia se llevará a cabo el martes, 7 de mayo de 2024 a las 4:00 P.M. en el Berkeley Unified School District Board Room localizado en 1231 Calle Addison, Berkeley, CA 94702.

Una copia de la agenda para esta audiencia estará disponible en la página electrónica https://berkeleyca.gov/your-government/city-council/city-council-agendas antes de la audiencia. Una vez que la agenda sea publicada, esta incluirá un enlace (link) para la participación pública usando la tecnología de Zoom, y los requisitos de salud y seguridad si desea participar de la audiencia en persona.

Para solicitar adaptación especial debido a una discapacidad por favor contactarse con el Especialista de Servicios para Discapacitados al 510.981.6342 o al (TDD) 510.981.6345. Por favor contactarse con el especialista por lo menos 3 días antes de la junta para asegurar que su pedido sea atendido.

El **Plan de Acción Anual PY 2024** que cubre el período a partir del 1ro de julio de 2024 hasta el 30 de junio de 2025 es un requisito del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los E.E. U.U. (HUD por sus siglas en inglés) y resume los programas de vivienda y desarrollo comunitario. El plan también enumera la distribución de aproximadamente \$2,903,402 que la Ciudad recibirá por medio de la de la Beca de Desarrollo del Bloque Comunitario (Community Development Block Grant - CDBG) para financiar programas de vivienda, mejoras de infraestructura de edificios públicos, servicios públicos y la administración y planificación de los mismos. Además, el plan también explica el uso propuesto de aproximadamente \$232,452 que en su gran mayoría será usado para la relocalización rápida de vivienda dando ayuda financiera, información y/o refugio a las personas desamparadas de Berkeley, estos fondos son parte de la Beca de Soluciones de Emergencia (Emergency Solutions Grant - ESG). También explica cómo se usarán los fondos de la Beca HOME, aproximadamente \$749,633 que se usarán para el desarrollo y rehabilitación de viviendas.

<u>PERIODO DE COMENTARIO PÚBLICO:</u> A partir del 5 de abril de 2024 hasta el 7 de mayo de 2024, el público podrá presentar comentarios por escrito sobre el Plan de Acción Anual PY 2024. Un borrador del **Plan está disponible al público** en el Internet en la página electrónica https://berkeleyca.gov/community-recreation/community-services/hud-planning-performance-reports.

Copias impresas del borrador estarán disponibles en los siguientes lugares:

- En el escritorio de referencia de la Biblioteca Pública de Berkeley localizada en Calle Kittredge 2090, y
- En el escritorio de recepción del Departamento de Salud, Vivienda y Servicios Comunitarios de la ciudad de Berkeley localizado en la Calle Milvia 2180, 2do Piso,

Cualquier comentario escrito tiene que ser enviado a RBabka@berkeleyca.gov Y SFCPDMail@hud.gov o enviarlos por correo regular al Health, Housing & Community Services Department, 2180 Milvia Street, 2nd Floor, Berkeley, CA 94704. Todos los comentarios deben ser recibidos antes o a más tardar el 7 de mayo de 2024 hasta las 5:00 p.m.

Residentes y grupos que necesiten servicios de interpretación o traducción en otro idioma por favor contactarse con el Departamento de Salud, Vivienda y Servicios Comunitarios al 510.981.5400 o por correo electrónico a
HHCS@berkeleyca.gov">HHCS@berkeleyca.gov.

Para información general, por favor contactarse con Rhianna Babka al 510.981.5410, por correo electrónico a RBabka@berkeleyca.gov o por correo regular enviando sus comentarios a HHCS 2180 Milvia Street, 2nd Floor, Berkeley, CA 94704.

伯克萊市 公眾視訊聽證會通知

及

計劃評論徵求關於市政府的年度行動之綜合計劃書

伯克萊市房屋及社區服務部门(HHCS)將提出公開聽證會針對市政府的 2024 服務行動計劃年度 (PY2024) (07/01/2024-06/30/2025) 行動之綜合計劃書. 伯克萊市政府將邀請公衆人仕對伯克萊市政府的年度行動之綜合計劃書加以檢討及評論。該計劃書將提出對於社區發展經費 (CDBG),緊急解決方案撥款 (ESG)和房屋投資合作計劃 (HOME)的資金分配建議。

此次聽證會將在 2024 年 5 月 7 日,星期二,下午 4:00 舉行。此次聽證會將以現場出席的模式進行。 對於現場與會者,此次聽證會將在伯克利聯合學區董事會會議室舉行。會議室地址在 - 1231 Addison Street, Berkeley, CA 94702。

本次聽證會的議程材料副本將在會議召開前在市議會議程網頁 https://berkeleyca.gov/your-government/city-council/city-council-agendas 上提供。一旦發布,本次會議的議程將包括一個使用 Zoom 視頻技術的公眾參與鏈接。對於現場與會者本部门也會提供亲自出席的任何健康和安全要求。

市政府將根據要求提供視聽支持。如果您需要有關於殘障人士的技術協助,包括輔助工具或服務,請至少在會議開始前三個工作日致電(510) 981-6342(V)或(510)981-6345(TDD)與殘疾服務專員聯繫。如能在會議日期前三個工作日發出技術協助通知,我們將盡力確保您毫無困難地參加會議。

此 PY 2024 服務行動計劃年度之綜合計劃書擬議計劃是根據住房和城市發展部門 (HUD) 財務資助接受者所提出的流程。此計劃書概述了伯克萊市政府的城市住房和社區發展計劃。該計劃書有效運轉期為2024年7月1日至2025年6月30日。該計劃還概述了在社區發展經費(CDBG)中分配的\$903,402美元(估計),用於與住房有關的活動,公共設施的改善,公共服務以及規劃和管理。此外,該計劃還概述了大約\$232,452美元(估計)的擬議用途,其中大部分用於根據緊急解決方案撥款(ESG)為伯克利無家可歸者提供快速重新安置的財政援助,外展和/或庇護,以及動用約\$749,633美元(估計)的HOME資金用於經濟適用房的開發和修復。

<u>公共評論期</u>:公眾可以在 2024 年 4 月 5 日至 2024 年 5 月 7 日之間提交書面評論。該計劃的草案可在以下網站上進行公開審查:

https://berkeleyca.gov/community-recreation/community-services/hud-planning-performance-reports

公眾意見草案的紙質副本將在以下地址提供:

- 伯克利主圖書館:2090 Kittredge Street, Berkeley 諮詢台,二樓
- 伯克萊市房屋及社區服務部门(HHCS): 2180 Milvia Street, Berkeley, 二樓

所有書面評論必須通過電子郵件同時發送至 <u>RBabka@berkeleyca.gov</u> 和 <u>SFCPDMail@hud.gov</u> ,或通過信件或其他清晰的書面形式發送至伯克萊市房屋及社區服務部门 (HHCS),2180 Milvia Street, 2^{nd} Floor, Berkeley,並於 2024 年 5 月 7 日下午 5:00 之前收到這種類型的書面交流。

對於需要幫助將本報告翻譯成另一種語言的居民和團體,請致電 (510) 981-5400 或發送電子郵件至 HHCS@berkeleyca.gov</u> 聯繫 HHCS 以獲得技術支持。

请仅在需要更多有关此主题信息时,联系伯克萊市房屋及社區服務部门的 Rhianna Babka 女士(电邮:RBabka@berkeleyca.gov),地址: 2180 Milvia St., 2nd Floor, Berkeley, CA 94704。