



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
January 26, 2021

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. 32000129 Amendment: Resource Development Associates for Planning and Project Coordination Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32000129 with Resource Development Associates through January 31, 2022, adding \$49,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$97,850, to fund Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Innovations (INN) Planning and “Help@Hand” Technology Suite Project Coordination services.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding from MHSA revenue received from the State of California is available in the FY 2021 budget in the following Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Fund budget codes: Project Planning - \$10,000 in 315-51-503-526-2017-000-451-612990 and Project Coordination - \$39,000 in 315-51-503-526-2020-000-451-612990.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City of Berkeley Health, Housing and Community Services Department, Mental Health Division, receives MHSA INN funds on an annual basis. In order to utilize MHSA funds, both a state legislated community program planning process and a community-informed City Council approved plan outlining the use of funds, are required.

In 2018, the MHSA INN “Help@Hand” Technology Suite project was approved by City Council. This project will enable the City to provide access to mental health technology Applications (App) in Berkeley. In 2019, the mental health division executed a Request for Proposal Process to hire a Project Coordinator for the MHSA INN “Help@Hand” Technology Suite project. Further, a similar process was conducted to hire a Project Planner who would execute the State required community program planning for the next round of INN funds and projects. Resource Development Associates (RDA) was chosen as the vendor to conduct both projects.

The initial contract was in the amount of \$48,850, which included \$24,000 for the community program Project Planner and \$24,850 for the “Help@Hand” Project Coordinator. Although both areas of work began in FY 2020, there is a continued need

for consultant services through January 2022. The contract amendment will provide support on actual the launch of mental health technology Apps in the Berkeley community and working with the community on a new project to be funded through the next round of MHSA INN funds. Through the contract amendment, \$10,000 will be added for planning services for the next round of MHSA INN funds and projects, and \$39,000 for coordination services for the “Help@Hand” Technology Suite Project, for a total not to exceed amount of \$97,850 through January 31, 2022.

BACKGROUND

Since the passage of Proposition 63 in 2004, the Health, Housing and Community Services Department, Mental Health Division, has received annual MHSA funding to expand and transform the mental health service delivery system. MHSA has five funding components for services and supports across the system. One of the five funding components is Innovations (INN). MHSA INN funds are to be utilized to create new learning in the mental health field through short-term pilot projects that increase access, quality, outcomes, and/or community collaborations. In order to utilize MHSA INN funds, state legislated community program planning and a local community informed, City Council approved plan are required.

The City of Berkeley’s initial INN Plan was approved by City Council in 2012 which implemented seven short-term pilot projects to improve mental health service acquisition, quality, and/or outcomes for underserved and inappropriately served populations. In 2016, a Trauma Informed Care project to implement training and supports at Berkeley Unified School District was approved. A modified Trauma Informed Project was approved in 2018 to implement Trauma Informed Care services and supports at Head Start sites. Additionally in 2018, the “Help@Hand” Technology Suite INN project was approved to provide mental health Technology Apps in Berkeley. Through the current contract, Resource Development Associates is providing project coordination services for the Help@Hand” Technology Suite project, and planning services for the next round of MHSA INN funds and projects.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

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

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

This contract was awarded on a competitive basis following the issuance of a request for proposals. The Contractor possesses unique expertise in working with various counties on MHSA Innovations Planning and Project Coordination.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

In order for MHSA INN Planning and Technology Suite Project Coordination work to continue, no other alternative actions were considered.

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

CONTRACT NO. 32000129 AMENDMENT: RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
ASSOCIATES

WHEREAS, the City's Department of Health, Housing & Community Services, Mental Health Division, currently receives Mental Health Services Act funds (MHSA) Innovations (INN) funds on an annual basis for short term pilot projects that will increase learning in the mental health field through strategies that will either improve the access, quality, or outcomes of services, and/or promote community collaborations; and

WHEREAS, in order to utilize MHSA INN funds, state legislated community program planning and a community informed, City Council approved plan outlining the use of funds is required; and

WHEREAS, since 2012 the City Council has approved MHSA INN Plans; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2018, by Resolution No. 63,493-N.S., the City Council approved the MHSA INN "Help@Hand" Technology Suite Project to implement mental health technology applications (Apps) in Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Mental Health Division executed recruitments for proposals for an MHSA INN Program Planner to execute the state required community program planning process for the next round of MHSA INN funds and projects, and for a Project Coordinator for the MHSA INN "Help@Hand" Technology Suite project; and

WHEREAS, Resource Development Associates was the chosen vendor for both of these areas of work, and Contract No. 32000129 was executed in the amount of \$48,850 with Resource Development Associates to conduct MHSA INN planning and project coordination; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the FY21 budget in the MHSA Fund, in the following amounts and budget codes: \$10,000 in 315-51-503-526-2017-000-451-612990, and \$39,000 in 315-51-503-526-2020-000-451-612990.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32000129 with Resource Development Associates to provide MHSA INN planning and project coordination services, to increase the amount by \$49,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$97,850, and to extend the term to January 31, 2022. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.