



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
July 27, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: Abraham Roman, Interim Fire Chief
Subject: Contract: Citygate for Fire Department Standards of Coverage Study

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments with Citygate Associates, LLC (Contractor) to provide a Standards of Response Coverage study for the Berkeley Fire Department (Department) from August 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 with an option to extend for an additional two years, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$200,000.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

These services will be funded by FY 2022 Measure FF for \$125,000 with an option to extend for an additional two years, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$200,000.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Fire Department requires a Standards of Response Coverage (SOC) study that will include but is not limited to, an evaluation of Berkeley's community (fire, ems and rescue) risk profile, optimum fire station locations, crew/apparatus staffing and deployment, employee work schedules, and appropriate response time standards.

The SOC study is an essential tool to help the department guide planning and decision making as it embarks on implementing a department re-design over the next five+ years. This will be the first Standards of Coverage study performed for the City of Berkeley.

BACKGROUND

Berkeley voters approved Measure FF in November of 2020. This measure, supplemented by internal budget neutral plans, will result in a substantial change and

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improvement to the way that fire, emergency medical, rescue, disaster preparedness and fire prevention services are delivered to the community.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

Services delivered by the fire Department will be optimized over the next five years to ensure that deployed resources meet the community risk profile, which includes the changing climate and the impacts to wildfire in our urban interface.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

While the Department has many skilled and experienced employees, it needs external assistance and expertise to conduct a study of this magnitude.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

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WHEREAS, Berkeley voters approved Measure FF in November of 2020; and

WHEREAS, this measure, supplemented by internal budget neutral plans will result in a substantial change and improvement to the way that fire, emergency medical, rescue, disaster preparedness and fire prevention services are delivered to the community, and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Fire Department requires external expert assistance to conduct a study of this magnitude; and

WHEREAS, the completed study will guide the changes and improvements to services provided to the Community by the Berkeley Fire Department.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute a contract and any amendments with Citygate Associates, LLC (Contractor) to provide the following services for the Berkeley Fire Department (Department) from August 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 with an option to extend for an additional two years, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$200,000 with Measure FF funds.

A Standards of Response Coverage (SOC) study, to include but not limited to an evaluation of Berkeley's community (fire, ems and rescue) risk profile, optimum fire station locations, crew/apparatus staffing and deployment, employee work schedules, and appropriate response time standards

