RESOLUTION NO. 2014-102

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL TO CONTINUE AND EXPAND HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS RELATED TO ALBANY “PROJECT HOPE” FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN ALBANY

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2013 the City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement for a Homeless Outreach and Engagement Program (Albany Project HOPE “Housing Opportunities Expanded”) with Berkeley Food and Housing Project (BFHP), following the response to the issuance of a Request for Proposals issued by the City; and

WHEREAS, the contract with BFHP was subsequently extended by the Council until February 28, 2015; and

WHEREAS, BFHP serves a highly vulnerable population of long-term persons who are homeless, unstably housed and indigent residents through a multi-site, multi-service continuum of care; and

WHEREAS, BFHP has been providing services for Albany Project HOPE for 17 months, and has successfully housed 31 people who had been experiencing homelessness in Albany, utilizing subsidies including funding from the City of Albany Housing Subsidy Program to help secure housing for people; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany remains committed to providing services to people experiencing homelessness in Albany and renewal of BFHP’s contract will enable continued services with the primary objective to provide housing maintenance for clients...
who have recently been housed and also include outreach and engagement, case
management, housing search/landlord relationship development and housing placement
and retention; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to expand the services provided through Project
HOPE, requiring an increase in staffing to include an additional .5 FTE, for a total of one
and a half full time case managers due to the intensive level of service that most clients
require; and

WHEREAS, the an amendment to the current agreement with BFHP is needed to
increase staffing provided by BFHP to include an additional .5 FTE beginning January
2015 through February 2015; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for new and ongoing subsidies to support the Project
HOPE clients, including funding to secure and retain housing for Project HOPE clients in
the amount of $35,000; and

WHEREAS, as stated in the City's Housing Element, "Boomerang" funds, which
are funds from the outcome of the City's former Redevelopment Agency, are to be
utilized to support affordable housing and transitional housing implementation -
particularly strategies benefiting extremely low income households; and

WHEREAS, a total of $75,400 in City "Boomerang" funds will be used to fund
the Housing Subsidy Program and a portion of the BFHP Contract to implement Project
HOPE;
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council does hereby authorize the City Manager to renew the contract with BFHP to continue services for Project HOPE for a period of 16 months between March 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed $141,400; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council hereby approves the use of City Boomerang funds not to exceed $70,400 for the Albany Housing Subsidy Program and a portion of the BFHP contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council hereby approves an amendment to the current contract with BFHP to include an additional .5 FTE in January – February 2015.

JOANNE WILE, MAYOR
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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,
the 1st day of December, 2014, by the following votes:

AYES:  Council Members Atkinson, Barnes, Nason, Vice Mayor Maass & Mayor Wile

NOES:  none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this 2nd day of December, 2014.

Eileen Harrington
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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