



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

September 30, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager

Submitted by: Carianna Arredondo, Assistant to the City Manager, Reimagining Public Safety

Subject: Authorize Acceptance of Proposition 47 Cohort 5 Grant and Execution of Related Agreements

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to:

- Accept the Proposition 47 Cohort 5 grant award of \$8,000,000 from the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC);
- Execute any resultant agreements and amendments; and
- Appropriate the funds for eligible project activities through the Annual Appropriations Ordinance (AAO) consistent with the grant budget.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The City of Berkeley will receive up to \$8,000,000 in Proposition 47 Cohort 5 funding from the BSCC. This is a no-match grant with no impact on the City's General Fund.

Funding will support the implementation of the Berkeley CareBridge Program for three (3) years. The Berkeley CareBridge Program is a post-arrest diversion and reentry initiative for individuals experiencing homelessness and behavioral health needs.

Planned grant allocations include:

- Transitional housing, case management, and peer navigation services: \$6,256,700
- Daily meal provision: \$500,000
- Program evaluation and data infrastructure: \$424,290
- Indirect costs (not to exceed 15% of total award): \$472,142
- Project management and grant administration: \$306,868

The grant could be cancelled by BSCC during the grant period if insufficient funds are not available through the Proposition 47 grant program, which is funded by the annual transfer of savings generated by Proposition 47. On or before July 31 of each fiscal year, the California Department of Finance will calculate the State savings associated with Proposition 47, which will determine whether sufficient funds are available for funding Berkeley CareBridge during the three-year period.

Budget changes beyond June 30, 2026, will be included in subsequent year budgets, contingent on Council budget approval. Should future funding not be available through the BSCC grant, staff would either seek alternate funding to continue the program or dissolve the program due to insufficient funding.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

On June 23, 2025, the City of Berkeley submitted a competitive application to the BSCC for Proposition 47 Cohort 5 funding.

The proposed Berkeley CareBridge Program would provide a post-arrest diversion pathway for unhoused individuals with mental health and/or substance use disorders. The program includes a six-month transitional housing model paired with comprehensive wraparound services. Participants would receive individualized case management, behavioral health and substance use treatment, civil legal support, and connections to housing and job readiness services.

The anticipated grant term is from October 1, 2025, to June 30, 2029, including a three-month startup phase and a six-month closeout and evaluation period.

The City submitted the application under the authority of the City Manager per Administrative Regulations 1.16 and 1.17, as no local match is required. However, City Council authorization is required to accept the grant award and execute the agreement with the State of California.

BACKGROUND

Proposition 47 reclassified certain non-violent offenses and established a grant program to support treatment-based alternatives to incarceration. The BSCC administers these funds to local governments implementing restorative, trauma-informed, and rehabilitative services for justice-involved individuals.

The Berkeley CareBridge Program was developed through a multi-departmental effort led by the City Manager's Office, in collaboration with key departments including the Health, Housing, and Community Services Department and Police Department, service providers, and members of the Proposition 47 Local Advisory Committee (LAC). The program design aims to fill longstanding gaps in housing, treatment, and reentry support for justice-involved individuals experiencing homelessness and behavioral health needs.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects, climate impacts, or sustainability opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Authorizing acceptance of the Proposition 47 grant award will enable the City to implement a critical post-arrest diversion and reentry program that addresses the root causes of justice involvement among unhoused individuals. The Berkeley CareBridge Program aligns with the City's Reimagining Public Safety goals and builds upon existing infrastructure to deliver coordinated, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive services to a highly vulnerable population. Acceptance of the Proposition 47 Cohort 5 grant will enable the City to implement the Berkeley CareBridge Program. Council authorization ensures that the City can accept the funds, implement the program, and appropriate funds via the AAO process. This approach secures external resources to address root causes of justice involvement and homelessness while minimizing fiscal impact to the General Fund.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A \$8,000,000 GRANT FROM THE BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS (BSCC) THROUGH PROPOSITION 47 COHORT 5, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF RELATED DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS the City of Berkeley desires to participate in the Proposition 47 Grant administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections (hereafter referred to as BSCC); and

WHEREAS, Proposition 47 reclassified certain non-violent offenses and established a state-administered grant program to support local efforts that reduce recidivism and improve access to mental health, substance use disorder treatment, housing, and other supportive services; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2025, the City submitted a Proposition 47 Cohort 5 grant application to the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) requesting \$8,000,000 to support program implementation; and

WHEREAS, the grant will fund transitional housing, behavioral health and substance use treatment, civil legal support, peer navigation, meals, and program administration; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated grant term is from October 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029, and includes a three-month startup period and a six-month closeout and evaluation period; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager is authorized under Administrative Regulations 1.16 and 1.17 to apply for no-match grants; however, City Council approval is required to accept the grant and execute related agreements; and

WHEREAS, the proposed activities are in alignment with the City's strategic goals around public health, safety, and equity, and acceptance of the grant will not impact the City's General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager's Office will oversee program implementation in coordination with relevant City departments, service providers, and the Local Advisory Committee (LAC).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager, or their designee, be authorized on behalf of the City Council to submit the grant proposal for this funding and sign the Grant Agreement with the BSCC, including any amendments thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to appropriate the full grant amount into the Fiscal Year 2026–2029 budgets and allocate funding to eligible project activities, including staffing, transitional housing, program operations, and evaluation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Berkeley agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement as set forth by the BSCC.

