



City of Emeryville

CALIFORNIA

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 17, 2019
TO: Christine Daniel, City Manager
FROM: Pedro Jimenez, Community Services Director
SUBJECT: Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Authorizing The City Manager To Execute The Grant Agreement With The City Of Oakland In The Amount Of \$50,000 Per Year For FY2019-2020 And FY2020-2021 For A Total Of \$100,000 For The 8 To Go Paratransit Shuttle

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council of the City of Emeryville adopt the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the Grant Agreement with the City of Oakland for \$50,000 per year for two years to help fund the 8 To Go Paratransit Program through June 30, 2021.

BACKGROUND

The '8 To Go' Paratransit Shuttle has been in service since 2009. The service provides accessible paratransit services for Emeryville and Oakland residents living in the 94608 zip code (hence the '8' in 8 To Go). Eligible participants must either be age 70 or older, or between 18 and 69 and certified to use East Bay Paratransit. The shuttle service boundaries are 28th Street in the south, Dwight Way in the north, and Broadway/Telegraph in the east. Because of the targeted geographic service area, the program can deliver a higher frequency of rides, faster rides, and is more financially efficient than East Bay Paratransit.

DISCUSSION

The program was initially funded entirely by the Alameda County Transportation Commission (A-CTC) "Gap Grant" and later by the Community Investment Program (CIP). Both grants were funded by Alameda County Measure B & BB funds. The City of Emeryville applied for and received several rounds of grant funding from A-CTC between 2008 and 2017. Over time, the grant award amounts diminished, and the City committed more of its Measure B/BB Direct Local Distribution (DLD) funding to 8 To Go. In some years, the City of Emeryville also supported the program with the General Fund. When the last round of grants was awarded in 2017, staff at A-CTC informed the City of Emeryville that the program would not be eligible for further grant funding after June 30, 2019. Staff then began working on finding alternatives so the program could continue without support from the General Fund. The DLD funds Emeryville receives for paratransit programs can fund part of the program but are not sufficient to support all of it.

At the annual A-CTC Paratransit Program Plan Review meeting in April 2018, City of Emeryville staff announced that funding was needed and that alternatives were being sought. Representatives from several North County cities were present, including staff from the City of Oakland. After that meeting, City of Oakland staff contacted City of Emeryville staff offering to help support the program using their DLD funds. Discussions began and resulted in the attached agreement. Since about half of the patrons served by 8 To Go are Oakland 94608 residents, Oakland agreed to contribute \$50,000 per year from their DLD funds, which is about half of the direct operating costs of the program.

This agreement will run concurrently with the Emeryville Transportation Management Association (ETMA) contract to provide the 8 To Go service, which was approved by City Council on July 23, 2019 and will run through June 30, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT

Under the proposed agreement, the City of Oakland will contribute \$50,000 each year for Fiscal Years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 for a total of \$100,000. This represents about half of the direct costs of the program. The remainder of the program costs after Oakland's contribution will continue to be covered by Emeryville's DLD funds. No General Fund dollars will be needed to support the program. These funds are already included in the FY2019-2020/FY2020-2021 Adopted Budget. The DLD funds for both Emeryville and Oakland were also already approved to be used for 8 to Go in this fashion by A-CTC.

STAFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

The Commission on Aging recommended that the City Council adopt the agreement at their regular meeting on September 11, 2019.

CONCLUSION

The City Council of the City of Oakland approved this Grant Agreement at their July 9th, 2019 Regular Meeting.

PREPARED BY: Brad Helfenberger, Recreation Manager

**APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:**



Christine Daniel, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

- Oakland Resolution
- Draft Resolution
- Grant Agreement