

City of Sacramento

Legislation Text

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Title:

Acquisition Grant Agreement for Sacramento LGBT Community Center

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Location: 1015 20th Street, District 4

Recommendation:

Pass a Motion authorizing the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to execute a \$750,000 Acquisition Grant Agreement with the Sacramento LGBT Community Center to acquire 1015 20th Street to house its operations.

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Presenter: None

Attachments:

- 1-Description/Analysis
- 2-Acquisition Grant Agreement
- 3-Photograph of 1015 20th Street Building

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: On June 11, 2019, the City Council approved the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019/20 Budget. This budget included funding priorities directly aligning with neighborhood inclusive economic development and projects with citywide impact. Amongst the priorities was an allocation of \$750,000 to assist the Sacramento LGBT Community Center organization in the acquisition of a new facility, 1015 20th Street, to house the Sacramento LGBT Community Center (the "Center").

The grantee, the Sacramento LGBT Community Center organization ("Sacramento LGBT Center") was originally incorporated in 1978 as the Lamda Community Fund. For more than 30 years, they have operated almost entirely on the generosity of community volunteers who aided those in need

and a place to find community. The Sacramento LGBT Center operates numerous facilities throughout Sacramento that serve the LGBTQ+ community, and it has grown to become one of the region's largest non-profits reaching more LGBTQ+ people than any other organization in Northern California. The organization has more than 30 employees and provides programs and services for health and wellness, advocacy, and community building. Since its founding, the Sacramento LGBT Center has been a trusted source of referrals to service providers for one-on-one assistance in English and Spanish to medical and mental health providers, crisis intervention, employment, housing, public benefits, home services, and professional services. They act as an advocate and convener of support for individuals, working to build a resilient, culturally rich LGBTQ+ community.

Today, the Sacramento LGBT Center has four locations in the City of Sacramento: the Center and Q-spot Youth Drop-in (1927 L Street); the Annex (1025 25th Street); Youth Transitional Living Home (Oak Park); and a Youth Shelter (Midtown). It is also operating temporarily out of a center at 2012 K Street.

The Sacramento LGBT Center intends to acquire an 11,250 sq. ft. building and adjacent parking lot (see Attachment 3 for building photograph), identified as APN 006-0085-001 to serve as the main community center. The acquisition price is \$4,350,000. The organization will use City funds along with private financing to acquire the 20th Street building. This acquisition will allow the Sacramento LGBT to expand its services and embark on other programs tailored to the needs of the LGBTQ+ community. The grant agreement requires the Sacramento LGBT Center to utilize the building to provide ongoing services to the LGBTQ+ community for a period of ten years.

Policy Considerations: As noted in the FY2019/20 Budget Report, funding these initiatives are directly aligned with neighborhood inclusive economic development, and projects with clear citywide impact.

Economic Impacts: Ensuring economic and community opportunities exist for all can result in greater economic growth for the residents, businesses and youth of Sacramento.

Environmental Considerations: The proposed action includes the purchase of an existing building designed and used as office space. There would be negligible or no expansion of use at the site, and no exterior changes would be made to the building. Environmental Planning Services has reviewed the project and has determined it is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15000 et seq.), which covers the repair and minor alteration of existing structures. No unusual circumstances are present that could result in a significant effect, and there are no significant cumulative effects from the action.

Sustainability: None

Commission/Committee Action: Not applicable

Rationale for Recommendation: The City Council has made it clear through multiple actions, its commitment to prioritize and implement strategies, programs and projects that increase inclusive community and economic development capacities throughout the City.

The acquisition of a new facility to serve as the hub for the Sacramento LGBTQ Community Center will enhance the ability of the organization to further serve the needs of the LGBTQ+ community through its programs targeted to foster economic prosperity, health resiliency, workforce development opportunities and quality of life.

Financial Considerations: There is sufficient funding available in the LGBT Center Relocation Multi-year Operating Project (I02181500) to fund this acquisition agreement with The Sacramento LGBTQ Center. The City contribution will be \$750,000. Funding for this initiative was approved in the FY2019/20 Budget Adoption report.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not Applicable