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00:00:03 SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN
Good evening. It is 5:38 p.m. on Thursday, September 27, 2018. And this is the regular meeting of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission. Madam Secretary, would you please read the roll?

00:00:16 COMMISSION SECRETARY
Chair Christian.

00:00:17 SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN
Present.

00:00:20 COMMISSION SECRETARY
Commissioner Ampon.

00:00:21 MELANIE AMPON
Here.

00:00:25 COMMISSION SECRETARY
Vice Chair Sweet. Commissioner Chan.

00:00:29 EVA CHAN
Present.

00:00:30 COMMISSION SECRETARY
Commissioner Clopton.

00:00:32 KAREN CLOPTON
Present.

00:00:33 COMMISSION SECRETARY
Commissioner Hijazi. Commissioner Karwande.

00:00:29 MAYA KARWANDE
Present.

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COMMISSION SECRETARY

Commissioner Kelleher. Commissioner Pellegrini. Commissioner Porth. Commissioner Sweiss.

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JOSEPH SWEISS

Present.

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COMMISSION SECRETARY

We have quorum.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

Thank you. And now I'll call for public items on--public comment on items not on the Agenda. This is the opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on matters that fall within the Commission's purview, but which are not on tonight's Agenda. Seeing no requests for public comment, Madam Secretary, would you read the next item?

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COMMISSION SECRETARY

Adoption of Minutes dated September 13, 2018.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

Colleagues, this appears at Item 2 in your binder. These were circulated. We have some time, so if people want to take a moment to take a final look and then I will entertain a motion.

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JOSEPH SWEISS

Motion to approve the minutes.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

Commissioner Sweiss. Yes, thank you. Is there a second?

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EVA CHAN

Second.

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KAREN CLOPTON

Second.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

Thank you, Commissioners Chan and Clopton. Madam Secretary, would you please read the roll?

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COMMISSION SECRETARY

Chair Christian.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

Yes. Before you go on, is there any public comment on this item? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, please read the roll.

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COMMISSION SECRETARY

Commissioner Ampon.

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MELANIE AMPON

Yes.

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COMMISSION SECRETARY

Commissioner Chan.

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EVA CHAN

Yes.

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COMMISSION SECRETARY

Commissioner Clopton.

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KAREN CLOPTON

Yes.

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COMMISSION SECRETARY

Commissioner Karwande.

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MAYA KARWANDE

Yes.

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COMMISSION SECRETARY

Commissioner Sweiss.

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JOSEPH SWEISS

Yes.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

And you--and call me. I also vote yes.

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COMMISSION SECRETARY

Oh, yes, sorry. Thank you. Motion carries.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

Thank you. Moving on to the regular business, Madam Secretary, would you read the first item under the regular business?

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COMMISSION SECRETARY

Welcome new Commissioner Karen Clopton.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

So I am thrilled to be able to open this item and welcome our newest commissioner, just sworn in two seconds ago, Karen Clopton who I will just give a very brief overview of who Karen is, and then I will toss it to her to say a few more words. Karen Clopton is a life-long champion of civil rights and human rights, and is the immediate past chief administrative law judge for the California Public Utilities Commissioner. Commissioner Clopton is also serving currently as an elected member of the Board of

Governors for the National Association for the Administrative Law Judiciary and is the 2017 winner of the American Bar Association's prestigious Yegge Award for outstanding judicial administration. So we are very fortunate for her to join our ranks, and she brings obviously something very unique and very useful to a commission that does have subpoena powers and also oversees appeals from discrimination adjudications at the agency level. So welcome and we're very pleased to have you.

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KAREN. CLOPTON

Thank you very much, Chair Christian. I really am honored to serve with all of you and to be associated with such a prestigious and important commission. I want to thank the executive director, Sheryl Davis, for all that she's done and the staff members. And especially this year, which is the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which was written with Eleanor Roosevelt chairing. She was the only woman drafter of the declaration. And I just want to read the preamble as we start to think about our role in the global movement for human rights.

"Whereas, recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world." Thank you.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

Thank you for bringing that to us tonight, because it is so fundamental and so important right now, particularly with the last couple of years of action at the federal level and the things that we're enduring and the things that are happening on our borders and two people who are seeking asylum in our country and who are coming and seeking to come to this country and live and prosper. And we have had, in the last couple of months, some presentations from civil society organizations about what's happening at the--on the level of immigration. And so to kind of ground us in--with information and give us a basis for understanding what's going on now so that we can move forward and work with some of our sister agencies and commissions on things that are of benefit to the San Francisco community and to the region and also nationally. So, thank you for that.

And we did also speak about the need for the HRC to recognize this anniversary that's coming up. And I know that last year we had a wonderful event at the Green Room that the Director and staff organized. And, Director, I'm not sure if we have anything bubbling up for this year.

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SHERYL. EVANS DAVIS

Well, I will say I know Veronica Garcia has been helping to try and think this through and lead some things, so hopefully at the next Commission meeting we can have an update. I think the initial question was whether the Commission itself wanted to host something again this year.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

Okay, we can bring that on for an item for the next Agenda. And I know that we have a new commissioner who is very excited about that. So welcome.

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KAREN. CLOPTON

Thank you.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

Is there any other Commissioner comment on this item?

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MELANIE AMPON

Welcome.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

Any public comment? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, please read the next item on the Agenda.

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COMMISSION SECRETARY

RFP TransLatina Violence Prevention. Presented by AriaSa'id.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

And this is a discussion and an action item for a request for proposal. Welcome.

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ARIA SA'ID

Good evening to the Chair and the Commissioners. Thank you for having me tonight. I am presenting on an effort that Human Rights Commission has been facilitating with community partnership for the last two years for TransLatina violence prevention services in San Francisco, specifically in the Mission District. And so the previous grantee El/La para TransLatinas, their contract will end in October. And so we are required to release a new RFP for the service modality for that area, for this target population.

So I can just read to you the opening of the RFP, which is "The purpose of this funding is--funding opportunity is to solicit proposals that intend to provide TransLatina communities in the Mission District access to peer-led and culturally competent social support services with a focus on service provision to monolingual transgender Latinas. The successful applicant will address its capacity, community engagement strategy, experience and rapport, and effectively providing social support and violence prevention services. And that is the RFP. The amount would be for approximately \$1.7 million over the course of four years and would be released tomorrow morning for applications to the public.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

And so the schedule of dates on the cover needs to be adjusted; is that correct or not?

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ARIA SA'ID

No, or at least--oh wait, for the version I have? Okay. Well, the dates have been modified.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

Okay, the version that I have in my binder has the RFP issue date as September 28th.

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ARIA SAID

Yes. (Unintelligible) yeah.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

Yeah, okay. Good.

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ARIA SAID

Pending approval.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

Great. And--

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ARIA SAID

But there's no gap in service.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

Okay, perfect. Okay, great. And this is--it pretty much tracks the proposal--the request for proposal that was issued last year?

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ARIA SAID

Yes. It's essentially the same format and (unintelligible) as previously from two years before.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

Director Davis.

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SHERYL EVANS DAVIS

So just to note, we've been working with the city attorney because we--this contract was renewed so many times without going back out to bid that we want it to be a little bit more intentional this time to talk about what it could be up to and to build that in. And so it's pretty much the same thing, but the difference is that it started out at a smaller amount because that initial grant did not have the what we call add-back funds in it. So over the last few years, the grant has increased because we got money through the budget process which was then added onto the initial contract. So we have now annualized. This is the, you know, it's broken up into multiple years, but this is the annual amount that's available for this grant based on the way that the funding changed over the course of the years. So it didn't start out at that amount, so it gets a little bit funky to explain what the initial grant amount was because the initial grant amount was less money and it has increased as we've received additional funds.

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ARIA SA'ID

And just to clarify, the \$1.7 is the cumulative amount for 4 years total. So approximately \$465,308 annually is what would be contracted out, not including cost of doing business and additional add-backs from the budget process.

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SHERYL EVANS DAVIS

And so we were trying to limit having to come back every year to ask for this grant to be renewed. So this way it's four years. It gives the organization some level of stability to know that they can expect that funding for the next four years, and it gives us a time to actually still think about, like as a Commission and as staff, to think about what is most impactful, how are the dollars being used and how do they actually impact the community as they go out. So it gives us a little bit of time, because a lot of this money has been added without any deep thought around the work and the purpose. So this is an opportunity to say how is the funding being used or for you all to ask us what you want to know, like what are the questions about this funding that would be helpful for you to get back and to understand in terms of a report or updates around it. And at the same time, we do know that the Office of Transgender Initiatives has, you know, we're entering into a MOU with them. They will also be reviewing some of the grantees and putting out reports. So I just want to make sure that as we do that this Commission is well aware of like how that information is being shared broadly.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

Thank you, Director. Aria, is there anything that you think we should really pay attention to in this tonight?

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ARIA SA'ID

On Page 12 is the scope work. And so the first page is a summary. Most of the scope of work would remain the same, but there is sort of an opportunity for increased accountability for whoever the service provider would be in terms of outreach and engagement in community, and leadership development.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

Commissioner Karwande.

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MAYA KARWANDE

Hello. Thank you for bringing this and supporting the grant. I'm not familiar with the history of the grant. Can you just explain quickly why the focus is on monolingual? Is that Spanish-speaking only?

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ARIA SA'ID

Yes. So the grant initially was created through Supervisor David Campos in 2016, I believe. If not, '15.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

And I do want to encourage you to just don't feel the need to do it quickly since we do have an array of new commissioners, and the old ones too can also use a, you know, a reminder. So don't feel rushed.

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ARIA SA'ID

Well, I don't know the full history, as I'm also a newer staffer. But from what I do know and remember, the effort was led initially with Supervisor David Campos towards minimizing violence and fear in transgender populations in the Mission District, specifically with TransLatinas who are in a gray space of immigration, either obtaining asylum or undocumented. And there were higher rates and incidents of violence against transwomen of color in the Mission District, as well as other districts in the city. And there was not really a safe space for that community to access certain support services historically. And so that's why that effort was sort of created and became a commitment from the City of San Francisco. And then it was RFP'd two years ago. And the service providers have sort of created a safe space and drop in centers and historically provided violence prevention services in response and collaboration with other community partners. Case manager services in Spanish and English because there was a gap in being able to access services that were culturally competent for monolingual Spanish-speaking TransLatinas. And so on and so forth.

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MAYA KARWANDE

Okay, thank you.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

Just note for the record that it's 5:55, and Commissioner Kelleher has joined us. And we are at Item 4. So Commissioner Kelleher, we're just--we've just received a brief presentation on Item 4, which is the Request for Proposal for the violence prevention and intervention services. And I'm not sure if you would like a moment to take a look at that or--and ask any questions of Miss Sa'id that you might have. Miss Sa'id and the Director noted that this is approximately for about \$1.7 million over four years. This is the four-year total so that we--the staff and Director don't have to come back every two years or year after year. And the agency that does--is the successful bidder is able to have some level of security about the funding. Commissioner Chan.

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EVA CHAN

I'm looking at the report requirements on Page 21, and I'm just curious as to the current grantee. There's language in there about ongoing presentations before the advisory committee, the LGBT Advisory Committee. And given the state of our advisory committees at the moment, have there been presentations going on to anyone at HRC? And I'm also just curious about what sort of data we're getting from them and reports we're getting from them.

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ARIA SA'ID

So, historically all the grantees have provided ongoing presentations and, if you will, sort of 101s on the efforts that they are leading in community. I myself formerly, before joining Human Rights Commission was executive director of TAJAs Coalition, which was also funded by Human Rights Commission previously. And so we made numerous presentations to the AC on our efforts and the issues that were happening on the ground to inform you all within process. It does not have to--I believe--usually, the grantees are pretty open and flexible around presenting. And usually what they present either through these meetings here or through the advisory committees are stories, success stories of their participants and what is happening on the ground, current issues that are happening within different neighborhoods for commissioners and advisory committee participants to be aware of. So on and so forth.

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SHERYL EVANS DAVIS

And so I will say, you know, and this is something maybe for the--another Commission meeting, but Aria does get regular reports from the grantees. And, again, recently was given an MOU from Office of Transgender Initiatives to think about like how we share that information. And wanted to make sure that as we're sharing that with that office, that we're also sharing it with the Commission. So maybe, potentially, Lori, for the next Commission meeting Aria doesn't necessarily have to be here, but we should at least present those reports and then a copy of the MOU for the Commission to review. But that does happen. Now, we're moving to monthly sharing that information with the Office of Transgender Initiatives, and that has been the practice for the grantees to submit a monthly report. The question is as the Commission reviews the Charter and thinks about the advisory committees, what's the best way forward. And I think this is a good time to be having this conversation, because this is the beginning of this grant and if there are going to be any changes we'll be on the frontend of it and we can learn from it over the next four years.

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ARIA SAID

Also, I just wanted to add. So, we receive quarterly progress from the grantees, as well as annual reports which are a bit more longer and sort of reflective. And in addition, Sneha Rao and myself engage in sort of monthly technical assistance with some of the smaller projects on issues that they may be navigating in community and their particular services.

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EVA CHAN

Thank you.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

Aria, can you give us a sense of what those monthly reports that you've been getting generally entail, like what kind of information, what level of information?

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ARIA SAID

So, typically on a monthly basis, it's--for instance, one situation that we encountered was TransLatinas who were sex workers in the Tenderloin felt like there weren't specific services happening for them in the Tenderloin. And so we met with the group in collaboration with the grantee to discuss ways that they could maximize services in that--not just that neighborhood, but also with the request. And so the request was culturally competent resume writing and learning how to use internet platforms for job applications, with sort of one-on-one tutorials such as LinkedIn and so on and so forth. And so we worked with the group on that and connected them with the SF LGBT Center which currently receives funding for employment services for the community and linking that, and then participating in some of the curriculum development, as well. The quarterly reports usually feature efforts in terms of one grantee just sent one for a totally different subject matter, on ramping up a trans coalition symposium that they're building out, which will happen next year or the end of next fiscal year. Other quarterly reports usually have data and deliverables on case management, advocacy and education efforts that have happened with the group in collaboration with other partners or events that they've held for community, et cetera.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

Mm-hmm. Do you think that it's necessary for us to, or desirable or not, for us to add some reporting to the Commission itself?

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ARIA SA'ID

Well, I think--so the template that we currently use is more--how should I say this? I think it's more just letting the grantee know in the RFP process that there is an accountability of regularly engaging with the Commissioners and presenting back on the efforts that they're doing. I believe that that can be more defined in the contract process, because the RFP isn't as--is a lot more flexible and sort of--and when the contract process comes when the review panel is selected, or recommended a grantee, I believe that's when it could be more defined in terms of accountability. But I think that all the grantees are pretty open to it, and sort of expect that they would engage with the Commission regularly. In the past, or at least with the history of HRC, I believe the ACs were perhaps the most accessible to community and bringing community into those spaces, and for community members on those committees to listen in and advise the Commission.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

Mm-hmm, makes sense. Commissioner Kelleher.

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MARK KELLEHER

I am sorry that I missed most of the presentation, Aria, and fellow Commissioners. I might ask a few questions that you might have already covered, so sorry about that. Just a brief nutshell answer if I do. I was involved in some of the earlier RFPs after the violence in our community report. That was a partnership previously between the Commission and the LGBT Center and other partners. And I, again, I was involved in some of the early RFP committees reviewing some of the previous proposals and all the

rest. And I, frankly, got very busy with the new job in the last couple of years, and Michael Pappas--former Commissioner Pappas stepped in and got more involved in some of the more recent RFPs relating on this topic, just a little background. So, I'm just curious how is this RFP, in a nutshell, an extension of the last RFP or two in terms of, you know, the work that's--the scope of work that's being suggested? And I'm wondering now that we have a new mayor, is this mayor--is Mayor Breed involved in funding this or is it coming from a supervisor? Originally, they were--I think originally--I think the previous RFPs originated from former Supervisors Campos's office, and then Mayor Lee's office got involved. So I'm just wondering, just a little bit of that background but specifically also how this builds on the previous work.

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ARIA SA'ID

To answer your second question, I believe to my understanding the funding is considered annualized.

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SHERYL EVANS DAVIS

Right. So once the add-backs went in, it's annualized into the budget. It would have to be, I mean a mayor would have to intentionally go in and cut the funding at this point, which is--and typically that doesn't happen. If there is a budget thing and they say--like each year, we're asked to cut our budget by three percent. That would be the decision of the department where they make those cuts. We have been fortunate to be able to advocate and say that we actually need additional funding versus less funding. And so, you know, I know that Claire Farley has been speaking specifically with the Mayor around transgender initiatives. You know, we've been doing work with the Mayor's office around equity, and there is a commitment across the board to address the most vulnerable populations. And so this mayor, I believe, has no intention of making any cuts. And, you know, this year there were additional funds added, but the funding that was for transgender initiatives went to the Office of Transgender Initiatives.

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MARK KELLEHER

So in a nutshell, this is--continues to be a result--this budget allocation continues to be a result kind of over the long term of the work that was done with our partners on that violence prevention report. Just noting that for context.

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SHERYL EVANS DAVIS

Yeah, I would say--I think it's both. I think it's the report but, you know, I think we can't say enough about the folks on the ground. I do think that a lot of the funding that has continued to come, I'm sure they were able to leverage the report. But there was a huge amount of effort and I think partnership with then Supervisor Campos to advocate for that. And there is a budget coalition group that meets that pushes it in some way. So I think it's both and I would want to be mindful for our community organizers and folks on the ground to just be able to say we recognize and realize that they were very much the driving force for the funding and calling it out, but I think the report helped them make their case.

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ARIA SA'ID

To answer your first question, this RFP is different than the previous RFP in that the previous RFP was two years, and this RFP is four years with a belief that more stable and secured programming would increase services for this targeted population.

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MARK KELLEHER

Is there a specific scope of work that is built on the previous--for this RFP, that's built on the previous work or is it more discretionary funding for the agencies --these organizations that are involved?

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ARIA SAID

No, the scope of work is pretty specified to be case management, linkage, advocacy and violence prevention services with a peer-led, peer-based framework as was the previous RFP, but with more accountability about outreach and community education this time around.

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MARK KELLEHER

And will there be an RFP committee as there have been in the past, like to review the--

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ARIA SAID

I'm sorry?

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MARK KELLEHER

Will there be an RFP review committee for the applications?

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ARIA SAID

Of course.

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MARK KELLEHER

Yeah.

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ARIA SAID

So this is for approval for the RFP to go out to the public tomorrow, and then I would be gathering a review committee to make recommendation from the submitted proposals. And then I would be coming back again for contract approval of the recommended...

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MARK KELLEHER

I'm not volunteering myself.

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SHERYL EVAS DAVIS

I was getting ready to say.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

No need to volunteer.

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MARK KELLEHER

I wonder if one of the new commissioners would be interested in volunteering and--just putting it out there. And it was, you know, a very educational experience so I would encourage that. And I just want to make sure there is a place for a commissioner possibly on the committee.

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ARIA SA'ID

Of course.

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MARK KELLEHER

Yeah. And also in the past, members of the LGBTQ Advisory Council, the AC, have expressed an interest in RFP committees, and a kind of perplexity that they hadn't been asked to be members of past committee; that we hadn't at least selected one member of the LGBTAC to be a member of a review committee. But now that that's not as--the committee isn't as functional, I'm wondering if that still might be possible. There are still, officially, several members of the AC. So I encourage us to consider reaching out to a couple of the more active members who have been showing up, the couple that have been showing up. And we could provide those names just to see if a member or two might want to be a member of the committee.

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ARIA SA'ID

I can follow up with you and David to reach out to anyone who's interested in interviewing. I believe the minimum number is two to three individuals, from what I've learned. So I'm still learning, as well, start to finish the process for review, so--

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MARK KELLEHER

Thank you.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

Are there anymore Commissioner questions or comments? Any public comment on this item? Miss Sa'id, thank you so much. And actually we need to vote. This is an action item. So I would entertain a motion to approve this RFP. Commissioner Ampon.

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MELANIE AMPON

Motion to approve this RFP.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

Thank you. Is there a second?

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KAREN CLOPTON

Second.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

Commissioner Clopton, thank you. Is there any public comment? Seeing none, any Commissioner comment? Madam Secretary, would you read the roll?

00:33:03

COMMISSION SECRETARY

Chair Christian.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

Yes.

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COMMISSION SECRETARY

Commissioner Ampon.

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MELANIE AMPON

Yes.

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COMMISSION SECRETARY

Commissioner Chan.

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EVA CHAN

Yes.

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COMMISSION SECRETARY

Commissioner Clopton.

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KAREN CLOPTON

Yes.

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COMMISSION SECRETARY

Commissioner Karwande.

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MAYA KARWANDE

Yes.

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COMMISSION SECRETARY

Commissioner Kelleher.

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MARK KELLEHER

Yes.

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COMMISSION SECRETARY

Commissioner Sweiss.

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JOSEPH SWEISS

Yes.

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COMMISSION SECRETARY

Motion passes.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

Thank you. Moving on to Item No. 5.

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COMMISSION SECRETARY

Commissioners' Activities in the Community.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

Colleagues, as always, this is an opportunity for Commissioners to report back to the Commission on work you are doing within San Francisco's various communities. This is a discussion item. Is there anything anybody wants to discuss about what's been going for them in the last couple of weeks in the community? Is there any public comment on this item? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, would you read the next item on the Agenda?

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COMMISSION SECRETARY

Matters of Interest for Possible Inclusion on Future Agendas.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

Thank you. So as always, this is an opportunity to discuss possible future items, but also I will reiterate that both Director Davis and I are always encouraging and inviting ideas to come through on e-mail and we can put those on the next Agenda or future Agendas. But I will note that Commissioner Clopton had raised a very good idea about this year's 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration. And the Director did say that staff has been thinking about it, so perhaps that will be an Agenda item on our next--for our next meeting. I'm drawing a blank right now for anything else. I don't know if anyone has anything. Reports from grantee, is there a possibility?

And also, Director, I did want to note that you were traveling at our last meeting. But we did briefly--I did briefly highlight the fact that you had found in your files a document from 2008, Human Rights Commission Goals and Objectives, a draft from October 23, 2009. And we did note about the fact that what's on the first page is gone. No longer part of our purview. But the things that are listed on the second page are things that following your taking the seat of chairing the agency--heading the agency, we are doing. And Vice Chair Sweet specifically noted to me that he remembers this--the creation of this document and how it just fell off the radar after it was created. So he was very pleased to see that the Commission is now doing so many things and has gotten so much funding to do these things within the last two years, I guess. Has it been two years?

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MELANIE AMPON

Yes.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

Anniversary time. More reason to celebrate, another party to have. But I think this is something that we would like to revisit with you. I appreciate the fact that you gave it to us just to put it on our table, but to go deeper into it at a future meeting. I don't know whether the next meeting is a good idea for that or not.

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SHERYL EVANS DAVIS

And just again to revisit the Charter and the role of the Commission. So we can definitely ask Noah Frigault to come back and talk about the Equity Advisory Committee in the same way that he did the LGBT Advisory Committee. But just to be thinking about what's the purpose, what's the role. And I think part of that will speak to how we

get more community members to come to the meetings and to be able to be--so that we're relevant to whatever might be going on in community at any given time.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

Okay, great. So, Lori, you're making notes, right? Thank you. Thank you so much. Anything else on that right now? Any public comment on this item? Miss Sa'id.

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ARIA SAID

Yes. I just wanted to let you all know that Interact Advocates sent a thank you letter to Human Rights Commission for support on state legislation SCR 110 with Senator Scott Weiner, prohibiting medically invasive and unnecessary surgeries on intersex infants. And it's because of the efforts of Human Rights Commission, I believe in 2006 or 2008, they did an investigation and report on the experiences of intersex children and their families and aging intersex individuals on their experiences with catastrophic impact of surgeries; that they were able to create legislation to then prohibit it affecting lives across the country because other states are now attempting to adopt that legislation. And it all started with Human Rights Commission. And I just wanted to put that out there.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

Well, that's a great thing to bring and perhaps we can have that actually as an Agenda item on a future Agenda. Great, thank you. Madam Secretary, the next item on the Agenda.

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COMMISSION SECRETARY

Adjournment.

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SUSAN BELINDA CHRISTIAN

Great. It is 6:17 p.m. and we are adjourned.