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Advisory Board: African American Holistic Wellness and Resource Hub Feasibility Study Steering Committee

Subject: Approval process for firm to conduct feasibility study

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### Information:

At the October 17, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting, 13 Steering Committee members were appointed to support the development and implementation of the African American Holistic Wellness and Resource Hub Feasibility Study. The Equity Committee directed ORESJ staff to convene the Steering Committee and prepare a draft request for qualifications to solicit the services of a firm/consultant to conduct a feasibility study for the creation of an African American Holistic Wellness and Resource Hub to present to the Board of Supervisors. The RFQ was issued and closed on March 4, 2024. By the March 4, 2024 deadline, one response was received.

In collaboration with the Steering Committee for the African American Holistic Wellness and Resource Hub Feasibility Study, the ORESJ Co-Directors recommended a re-issue of the request as a Request for Proposals and increase the contract cost to \$180,000. The additional \$100,000 would come from the FY 23-24 ORESJ budget, in one-time funds. The Equity Committee approved the request. An updated Request for Proposals was drafted by the Steering Committee (April 8, 2024), approved by the Equity Committee (April 15, 2024) and Board of Supervisors (April 22, 2024) and released on April 24, 2024. By the May 24, 2024 deadline, six complete proposals were received. The Ad Hoc Proposal Review Committee read and scored each complete proposal, and shared their final recommendations with the full Steering Committee at the June 10, 2024 meeting.

### Referral History and Update:

At the June 10, 2024 meeting, the African American Holistic Wellness and Resource Hub Feasibility Study Steering Committee voted (ten out of eleven) to recommend Ceres Policy Research as the firm to conduct the African American Holistic Wellness and Resource Hub Feasibility Study. The Co-Directors of the Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice and one member of the African American Holistic Wellness and Resource Hub Feasibility Study Steering Committee presented the recommendation to the Equity Committee at their June 24, 2024 meeting. The Equity Committee voted to accept the recommendation of the African American Holistic Wellness and Resource Hub Feasibility Study Steering Committee, and forwarded the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

### Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

RECEIVE and DISCUSS update on the approval process for a firm to conduct the African American Holistic Wellness and Resource Hub Feasibility Study, including update from the June 24, 2024 Equity Committee meeting.

