



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Social Services
Department No.: 044
For Agenda Of: 6/7/16
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Daniel Nielson, Director
Director(s) Department of Social Services, (805) 346-7101
Contact Info: Amy Krueger, Adult & Children Services Operations Division
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SUBJECT: Shelter-based Domestic Violence Prevention Services Contract

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Domestic Violence Solutions for Santa Barbara County (DVS) (local vendor) to continue to provide shelter-based domestic violence prevention services through June 30, 2021 (Attachment 1) for a total contract maximum amount not to exceed \$562,500 (FY 16/17 \$112,500; FY 17/18 \$112,500; FY 18/19 \$112,500; FY 19/20 \$112,500, and FY 20/21 \$112,500).
- b) Determine that the approvals and execution of the above Agreements are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), finding that the approvals and execution of the Agreements are covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment, the activities are not subject to CEQA.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with DVS to provide shelter-based domestic violence services (Attachment 1). The County has contracted with DVS to

provide shelter-based domestic violence services countywide for women and children of domestic violence for over 22 years. DVS is the only agency in Santa Barbara County that provides emergency shelter along with the required support services for victims of domestic violence. DSS has obtained permission from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Contracts and Purchasing Bureau to sole source this contract (Attachment 2).

Background:

Since 1995, Santa Barbara County has contracted with DVS as they are the only agency in Santa Barbara County that provides emergency shelter along with the required support programs for victims of domestic violence. Sections 18290 through 18309.8 of the Welfare and Institutions (W & I) Code set forth the requirements for shelter-based domestic violence programs.

The California Legislature provides dedicated funding streams to counties for the provision of these services. Welfare and Institutions Code Section 18305 states that a percentage of marriage license fees collected must be disbursed to domestic violence shelter-based programs. The Domestic Violence Prevention Agency (DVPA) fund is an additional revenue source that must be used to support domestic violence programs [Penal Code 1203.097 (a) (5)]. The DVPA fund receives revenue from court-imposed fines collected from perpetrators of domestic violence as a condition of their probation. The fines are collected by the Superior Court and the Probation Department and deposited into the DVPA fund.

DVS provides the following services to women and children suffering from domestic abuse:

1. **Crisis Hotlines** – DVS operates four 24-hour hotlines in Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, Lompoc, and Santa Ynez. Staff members provide counseling, referrals, and access to immediate shelter.
2. **911 Emergency Response Team** - DVS staff respond alongside law enforcement to domestic violence 911 calls. Advocates are available to dispatch 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
3. **Emergency Shelters** – Women and children fleeing from domestic violence may stay in one of DVS' three confidential emergency shelters for up to 45 days. Clients receive clinical counseling, case management, food, clothing, medical, legal, and financial assistance.
4. **Transitional Housing** - The Transitional Housing program provides a safe and supportive environment for battered women to heal from trauma, develop household management and parenting skills, increase their job skills and earning power, find stable employment, save for housing deposits, gain independent living skills, and move into permanent housing.
5. **Outpatient Crisis Counseling** – DVS offers individual and group counseling to survivors of domestic violence, whether or not they are seeking shelter or have been in shelter in the past.
6. **Outpatient Crisis Practical Needs** – Survivors who call the hotlines with emergency needs for clothing and food, but who are unable to leave their abuser at present, or who have access to safe housing elsewhere, are provided with these resources on a confidential basis.
7. **Teen Services** – DVS teaches teens in local schools and juvenile facilities about healthy relationships, effective communication and problem-solving skills, and the importance of basing relationships on mutual respect and equality, rather than on power and control.

Performance Measure:

Pursuant to W & I Code 18300, an annual report shall be prepared and submitted to the County for submission to the Board of Supervisors and made available to the public if requested. The report shall include all of the following elements:

1. The total number of persons requesting services.
2. The number of persons served by each type of service provided.
3. A description of social and economic characteristics of persons receiving services, by type of service provided.

Pursuant to W & I Code Section 18301, a county shall not require a domestic violence shelter-based program to provide any information not enumerated in Section 18300. However, under the monitoring provisions set forth in W & I Code Section 18293(f), monitoring information includes elements 1 and 2 above as well as communicating the need for additional services or staffing. Monthly status reports will include, but not be limited to, the required monitoring elements.

Program Impact: July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

- A. Total number of persons requesting services: 3,610
- B. Number of persons served, by each type of service provided:
 1. Shelter provided to 403 persons, of which 195 were women and 160 were children
 2. All 403 received safety planning
 3. 195 women were provided case management
 4. Emergency transportation to 302 clients
 5. Non-emergency transportation to 403 clients
 6. Emergency food and clothing provided to 368 people
 7. Court advocacy provided to 108 people
 8. Household establishment provided to 240 people
 9. Provided individual crisis counseling to 1,313 people
 10. Peer/individual counseling provided to 1,433 people
 11. Assistance with restraining orders to 887 people.
- C. Description of social and economic characteristics of persons receiving services:

The target population served by DVS' emergency shelters and transitional housing program is domestic violence survivors over the age of 17 and their children. 97% of the women served are low or very low income. In 2014-15, 12% of program residents were Caucasian, 74% were Hispanic, 12% were African-American and 2% were multi-racial or other. 75% of the women served had children, the majority of whom were 5 years of age or younger.

DVS' greatest accomplishment is the long term impact on the cycle of domestic violence in Santa Barbara County. Since 1999, DVS staff and volunteers have accompanied police officers on domestic violence calls throughout the County, offering immediate safe access to shelter for the victim. During 2014-2015 DVS Advocates accompanied Law Enforcement on 459 domestic violence 911 calls and received 4,080 calls on their crisis lines.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees	\$ 112,500.00	\$ 112,500.00	
Other:			
Total	\$ 112,500.00	\$ 112,500.00	\$ -

Narrative:

The DVS Agreement is fully funded by a percentage of funds collected from marriage license fees and court fines relating to domestic violence that are put into the Domestic Violence Prevention Agency Fund (DVPA Fund), which is collected by the Superior Court and the Probation Department. The Department’s Fiscal Year 2016-17 Recommended Budget includes \$112,500 of anticipated revenue and \$112,500 of appropriations associated with this agreement. Execution of this agreement will not result in additional General Fund contribution as it is fully funded by the two funding sources mentioned above.

Key Contract Risks:

The risk assessment worksheet has been completed. DVS is insured for General and Professional Liability. DSS has had a positive and productive relationship with DVS. DVS has been providing shelter-based domestic violence services the last 22 years. DSS is confident of DVS’ abilities to continue providing services through June 2021.

DVS has been performing satisfactorily.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
0

FTEs:
0

Special Instructions:

1. Please send one (1) duplicate original Agreement and one (1) copy of the Minute Order to:
Department of Social Services
Attn: Tricia Beebe, Contracts Coordinator
2125 S. Centerpointe Parkway
Santa Maria, CA 93455

Attachments:

1. Attachment 1 - Agreement - DVS - Emergency Shelter
2. Attachment 2 - CDSS Letter of Approval to Sole Source Contract

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