



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Community Services
Department No.: 057
For Agenda Of: November 29, 2022
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department George Chapjian, Community Services Director (805)568-2467
Director(s)
Contact Info: Dinah Lockhart, Deputy Director (805)568-3523
SUBJECT: Approval of Third Amendment to Sub-Recipient Amendment for Emergency Solutions Grant, Coronavirus funding for CityNet Rapid Re-Housing

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: YES

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: YES

Other Concurrence: Risk

As to form: YES

Recommended Actions: That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the following amendments to subrecipient agreements for Emergency Solutions Grant, Coronavirus (ESG-CV) funds allocated through the State of California for continued COVID-19 homelessness response:
 - i. Third Amendment to Subrecipient Agreement for Rapid Re-Housing with Kingdom Causes dba CityNet (CityNet Amendment), allocating \$30,000 in additional funds (Attachment A); and
 - ii. Third Amendment to Subrecipient Agreement for Rapid Re-Housing with Domestic Violence Solutions (DVS Amendment) reflecting a \$13,150.90 reduction in budgeted ESG-CV funds (Attachment B).

- b) Authorize the Community Services Department Director, or designee, to approve and execute amendments to any of the aforementioned Subrecipient Agreements to increase or decrease the total contract maximum amount of any such Subrecipient Agreement to ensure full and timely expenditure of all awarded ESG-CV funds; provided that any increase to the total contract maximum amount of any Subrecipient Agreement not exceed 10% of the original total contract maximum amount of such Subrecipient Agreement; and

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- c) Determine that the recommended actions are not the acceptance and approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), finding that the project is a creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

Kingdom Causes Inc., dba City Net (CityNet) and the County are parties to a Subrecipient Agreement with an effective date of January 1, 2021, as previously amended (Attachment C) for ESG-CV2 funding which provides for rapid rehousing services (CityNet Subrecipient Agreement). Domestic Violence Solutions (DVS) and the County are parties to a Subrecipient Agreement with an effective date of January 1, 2021, as previously amended (Attachment D) for ESG-CV2 funding which provides for rapid rehousing services (DVS Subrecipient Agreement). DVS has voluntarily made \$13,150.90 in unspent DVS Subrecipient Agreement funds available for reallocation. PATH Santa Barbara (PATH) is a party to a Subrecipient Agreement with the County which expired on September 30, 2022 (PATH Subrecipient Agreement) with \$16,849.10 unspent. The funding from DVS and PATH totals thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) in unspent funding. This \$30,000 in ESG-CV2 funding is available to be reallocated to CityNet, to be fully expended by December 31, 2022, for an increased total CityNet Subrecipient Agreement contract amount of \$980,763. CSD is asking the Board of Supervisors to approve, ratify and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute (i) the CityNet Amendment memorializing the \$30,000 increase in funding thereunder, and (ii) the DVS Amendment memorializing the \$13,150.90 decrease in funding thereunder.

Background:

In an effort to establish a unified response, on March 18, 2020, the County of Santa Barbara established the COVID-19 Homelessness Task Force to include broad community input and engagement by stakeholders in response to COVID-19 to protect the health and safety of our homeless neighbors, and to further protect the community at large from spread of the disease. The Task Force established four key objectives:

- Prevent and mitigate COVID-19 impacts for persons who remain unsheltered through support centers and outreach re-establishing access to showers, device charging, food and hygiene supplies.
- Establish non-congregate sheltering for persons at highest risk of COVID-19 complications.
- Sustain shelter capacity for persons not experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.
- Enhance homelessness prevention and housing activities through increased funding for rental assistance and supportive services.

On October 20, 2020, the Board adopted a resolution authorizing the Community Services Director or designee to submit an application for ESG-CV2 funding, and to accept and administer funds under the State ESG-CV2 program in support of the County of Santa Barbara's response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Providers completed applications as part of a competitive local award process to cover activities precipitated by their COVID-19 responses and not covered by another funding source. Providers were asked to submit comprehensive applications and supporting documentation. The applications were reviewed by HCD staff for eligibility, and then passed to a Continuum of Care Review and Rank (CoC R&R) committee comprised of knowledgeable community members. The Subrecipient Agreements reflect the recommendations of the CoC R&R committee.

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Performance Measure:

City Net, as the subrecipient, provides quarterly reports to the County regarding services provided pursuant to the CityNet Subrecipient Agreement and the outcomes, or performance measures, which are outlined in the Scope of Services attached as Exhibit A to the CityNet Subrecipient Agreement (Attachment C). The additional funding will allow CityNet to serve existing participants that need additional assistance and services to maintain their housing. No changes to the performance measures are included in the CityNet Amendment or the DVS Amendment.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: The CityNet Amendment adds \$30,000 for a total of \$980,763 in funding under the CityNet Subrecipient Agreement, which will be fully expended by December 31, 2022.

Key Contract Risks:

The County assumes responsibility for the administration of ESG-CV2 funds in accordance with all state and federal requirements governing the use of such funds. In addition, the County would be held liable if it, or any provider subrecipient of such funds, is found to be non-compliant with applicable requirements. CityNet has successfully operated State and/or federally-funded homeless assistance projects in the past, which have had similar regulatory and administrative requirements.

The ESG-CV2 Subrecipient Agreements are cost-reimbursement contracts. This allows CSD/HCD to disburse funds to CityNet as Subrecipient for eligible incurred costs to the extent prescribed by the CityNet Subrecipient Agreement. The County will only reimburse Subrecipients for costs that are eligible under the Subrecipient Agreements and documented in a manner that is acceptable to CSD/HCD. CSD/HCD staff will assess the performance of CityNet as subrecipient to determine if the services provided are adequate and as outlined in the CityNet Subrecipient Agreement.

Special Instructions:

- 1) Please email an electronic copy of the Minute Order to Dinah Lockhart at dlockhart@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.
- 2) Please execute three (3) originals of each of the CityNet Amendment and the DSV Amendment, and return two (2) originals of each of the CityNet Amendment and the DSV Amendment to Dinah Lockhart (x3523).

Attachments:

Attachment A. Third Amendment of the Subrecipient Agreement with Kingdom Causes Inc., dba City Net

Attachment B. Third Amendment of the Subrecipient Agreement with Domestic Violence Solutions.

Attachment C. Subrecipient Agreement, 1st and 2nd Amendment with Kingdom Causes Inc., dba City Net

Attachment D. Subrecipient Agreement, 1st and 2nd Amendment with Domestic Violence Solutions.

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