



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Behavioral Wellness
Department No.: 043
For Agenda Of: October 11, 2022
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director
Director(s) Department of Behavioral Wellness, (805) 681-5220
Contact Info: John Winkler, Division Chief of Crisis and Homeless Services
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SUBJECT: Department of Behavioral Wellness – Advocates for Human Potential, Inc.
Behavioral Health Justice Intervention Services Grant Agreement Fiscal Years
(FYs) 2021-2023

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve, ratify and authorize the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee, to execute the **Behavioral Health Justice Intervention Services (BHJIS) Grant Agreement 7460-CA Mobile Crisis-SBCBWell-01G** with **Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. (AHP)**, a Massachusetts for profit entity (not a local provider), serving as the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) administrator for “Behavioral Health Mobile Crisis and Non-Crisis Services (Mobile Crisis)” Project No. 21-10349, for the provision of community collaboration to support individuals with mental and substance use disorders who can be diverted from criminal justice involvement in the amount of **\$700,000** for the period of February 15, 2022, through February 14, 2023 (Attachment A);
- B. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness, or designee, to act on behalf of the County in the implementation of the BHJIS Program and make immaterial changes to the Agreement without requiring the Board’s approval of an amendment of the Agreement, subject to the Board’s ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time; and

- C. Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities or funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, and are therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to request the Board of Supervisors to approve, ratify and authorize the Director of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) or designee to execute the BHJIS Grant Agreement 7460-CA Mobile Crisis-SBCBWell-01G with Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. (AHP), the DHCS administrator for “Behavioral Health Mobile Crisis and Non-Crisis Services (Mobile Crisis)” Project No.: 21-10349, to provide community collaboration to support individuals with mental and substance use disorders who can be diverted from criminal justice involvement. The grant is in the amount of \$700,000 for the period of February 15, 2022, through February 14, 2023. In addition, BWell is requesting delegation of authority to the Director of BWell, or designee, to act on behalf of the County in the implementation of the BHJIS Program, subject to the Board’s ability to modify or rescind this delegated authority at any time.

Background:

DHCS was allocated \$16.25 million of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act (CRRSAA) to implement BHJIS programs. DHCS contracted with AHP as the administrative entity to assist DHCS in overseeing and implementing BHJIS Projects. The purpose of the BHJIS is to support local efforts to improve first responder, law enforcement and interagency efforts to address behavior health.

In February 2022, DHCS awarded BWell BHJIS Project funds to address critical intervention points through which individuals with mental health and substance abuse disorders (SUD) can be diverted from criminal justice involvement. BWell will be the lead department in overseeing the implementation of the project and will provide day-to-day support and grant management, including fiscal and reporting coordination. However, BWell will partner with law enforcement agencies, Public Defender, District Attorney, Probation, and community stakeholders to implement a three-pronged approach to: support the implementation of a co-response program with the Santa Maria Police Department, create a sustainable Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training program and provide community members with Naloxone education, and identify a process for collecting and using data for cross-agency care coordination and program assessment.

BWell will work with our partner departments to 1) inventory our current capabilities, identify data gaps, develop a Strategic Plan, and establish policies and procedures for cross-agency data collection, retrieval, sharing and reporting in preparation for high utilizer CalAIM case coordination and other collaboration efforts; 2) create a sustainable, cross-agency CIT program and support Naloxone education within the community; and 3) develop and distribute co-response marketing materials and provide teams with substance use support.

Performance Measure:

The goals of the program are the following:

1. Identify and select a data management systems consultant to navigate cross-agency data collection and sharing mechanisms in alignment with confidentiality, technology security, and developing Policies & Procedures.

Objectives:

- 1.1: Systems data and sharing assessment focused on barriers and identification of strategic options for coordination, including analysis of high utilizers of services within County partners and included data sets.
- 1.2: Adopt strategies for sharing mechanisms based on assessment and gaps including developing policies and procedures for cross-agency data collection, retrieval, sharing and reporting.
- 1.3: Pilot shared data system(s) for cross-agency reporting requirements and care coordination of high utilizers.
- 2. Create a sustainable, cross-agency CIT program and support Naloxone education within the community.

Objectives:

- 2.1: Develop CIT curriculum for a Trainer of Trainers program.
- 2.2: Provide cross-agency training to law enforcement and other community organizations.
- 2.3: Provide the community with Naloxone training.
- 3. Develop and distribute co-response marketing materials and provide teams with substance use support.

Objectives:

- 3.1: Develop co-response marketing materials.
- 3.2: Distribute materials to diverse stakeholders and community members.
- 3.3: Provide substance use support to co-response team.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: The Fiscal Department will submit a Budget Revision once the Grant has been accepted.

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 21-23 Grant Funding:</u>		<u>Total One-Time Grant FY 21-23:</u>	
General Fund				
State				
Federal	\$	700,000	\$	700,000
Fees				
Other:				
Total	\$	700,000	\$	700,000

Narrative: The above-referenced agreement is funded by grant funding from Behavioral Health Justice Intervention Services. A Budget Request Revision will be processed by Fiscal at a later date under a separate request after the Board has approved the acceptance of the funding. AHP has provided written confirmation that BWell can bill as the deliverables are met even if funds aren't all expended in the year they are awarded, so long as they are expended by the end of the grant period. Additionally, after grant funding has been expended, existing County employees will be responsible for determining funding streams to secure data systems, if necessary as well as ensuring action steps are completed. Co-response materials will have been developed and costs for publishing will be absorbed by agencies using the materials. The team will also identify additional avenues for financial support to expand and support continuous CIT training.

Key Contract Risks:

The Agreement imposes procedural and reporting requirements that BWell will need to implement, which may be subject to future audit. Failure to fully comply with the reporting requirements detailed in the Agreement could result in the State withholding funding. If funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted by the State, the County may terminate the contract, or the contract may be amended.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

N/A

FTEs:

N/A

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Minute Order to Denise Morales at dmorales@sbcbswell.org, to BWell Contracts Division at bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A: AHP FY 21-23 Grant Agreement 7460-CA Mobile Crisis-SBCBWELL-01G

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