



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:** December 14, 2021  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:** N/A  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department George Chapjian, Community Services Director (805) 568-2467  
Director:  
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**SUBJECT:** Execution of Amendment to Extend California Emergency Housing Solutions Agreement with Legal Aid of Santa Barbara County for the Eviction Prevention and Defense Program

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**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, ratify, and execute a no-cost Second Amendment to the Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County for the Eviction Prevention and Defense Program California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Agreement (Attachment A) extending the term date to June 30, 2021; and
- b. 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; and that the actions are exempt from CEQA pursuant to Guidelines Section 15269(c) as they consist of specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

**Summary Text:**

Staff is requesting that the Board of Supervisors approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute the Second Amendment to the Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County for the Eviction Prevention and Defense Program (Attachment A) extending the term date to June 30, 2021. The amendment will allow for reimbursement to the provider for expenses incurred between February 28, 2021 and June 30,

2021. Due to the State of California's eviction moratorium that went into effect March 27, 2020, Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County (LAF) expended less funds than originally anticipated, however, the need for ongoing eviction prevention and defense remained. LAF provided services through June 30, 2021. Staff recommends the Board of Supervisors approve, ratify, and execute the Second Amendment to LAF's CESH Agreement.

**Background:**

On June 27, 2018 Governor Brown signed into law SB850, which created several funding streams to assist the efforts of local jurisdictions and Continuums of Care in addressing homelessness. One of the programs created by SB850 was the California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) program, which is administered by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (State HCD). On August 15, 2018, State HCD released the CESH Notice of Funding Availability which made approximately \$53 million available statewide.

The Board of Supervisors approved the application for and acceptance of CESH funds on September 18, 2018 in the amount of \$914,745. County Community Services (CSD) staff worked extensively with the local CoC and other stakeholders, including County departments and local jurisdictions, to establish priorities for the allocation of \$869,008 in non-administrative CESH funds. Of which \$365,898 in funds distributed to local non-profits via a competitive local NOFA process for Homelessness Prevention activity category. On August 27, 2019 \$125,000 was awarded to the Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County for the Eviction Prevention and Defense Program. On June 29, 2020 the First Amendment, a no cost time extension, was executed extending the Agreement from an end date of June 30, 2020 to February 28, 2021. The extension allowed for LAF to continue delivering services, although expending funds at a slower rate than anticipated due to the statewide eviction moratorium during the ongoing COVID-19 Emergency. Funds not expended by LAF by June 30, 2021 will be used to fund other eligible projects. The deadline to expend CESH funds is June 2024.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The extension of agreement date has no fiscal impact as it does not increase the amount of the agreement. The CESH Program Subrecipient Agreement is a cost-reimbursement contract. This allows CSD to disburse state funds to LAF for eligible incurred costs to the extent prescribed by the Agreement. The County will only reimburse LAF for costs that are eligible under the Agreements and documented in a manner that is acceptable to the CSD.

**Special Instructions:**

- 1) Please email an electronic copy of the Minute Order to Dinah Lockhart at [dlockhart@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:dlockhart@co.santa-barbara.ca.us).
- 2) Please execute three (3) original copies of each of the following documents and send to Dinah Lockhart (x3523)

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Second Amendment to the CESH Agreement with Legal Aid Foundation of County of Santa Barbara.

**Authored by:**

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