



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
(805) 568-2240

Department Name: Social Services  
Department No.: 044  
For Agenda Of: August 17, 2021  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Time:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Daniel Nielson, Social Services Director  
Director(s) (805) 346-7101  
Bill Brown, Sheriff-Coroner (805) 681-4290  
Contact Info: Raymond L. McDonald, Executive Director  
Workforce Development Board, (805) 681-4540  
**SUBJECT:** Accept United States Department of Labor Employment and Training  
Administration Grant Funds for Pathway Home 2 Project

DocuSigned by:  
Daniel Nielson  
579D9EDEE691410...

DocuSigned by:  
Solomon Linner  
86076647A8E147C...

**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 Director of the Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services, or designee, to accept the funds on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Workforce Development Board, to receive \$2,499,999 to provide Pathway Home 2 project for the period July 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2024;
- b) Authorize the Director of Social Services, or designee, to extend the Pathway Home 2 project Grant Agreement with United States Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration to allocate the amount of unused funds from the previous Fiscal Year budget to the next Fiscal Year budget, subject to appropriations and budget approval; and
- c) Determine that the activity is not a "Project" subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(4), since the activity is an organizational or administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda in order to approve and authorize the Department of Social Services (DSS) Director, or designee, to receive \$2,499,999 in federal grant funding by signing the Grant Agreement for Federal Award Id. No. PE-36546-21-60-A-6. The United States Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (DOLETA) approved grant funding for the Santa Barbara County Workforce Development Board (WDB) under Federal Award Id. No. PE-36546-21-60-A-6, which is a grant in the amount of \$2,499,999 for a project entitled Pathway Home 2. The period of performance is from July 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2024. The fiscal agent for the grant is DSS. The program funded by the grant will be administered by the WDB. The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office is a primary partner named in the Grant Agreement.

**Background:**

On January 19, 2021 DOLETA announced the availability of grant funds authorized by the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act for ex-offender activities under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. These grants provide the opportunity to deliver reentry programming to eligible, incarcerated individuals prior to release from state correctional facilities or county or local jails and to continue comprehensive services after release. These projects are designed to eliminate the time gap between release from prison and enrollment into a reentry program leading to employment.

These programs do not require cost sharing or matching funds. The \$2,499,999 federal grant that DOLETA awarded to the County of Santa Barbara allows funds to be drawn down on an as needed basis using DOLETA's Payments Management System. The terms of the grant are set forth in Notice of Award signed by the DOLETA approving official.

The proposed project will serve 250 incarcerated individuals who are convicted under federal, state or local law. These individuals must reside, at the time of enrollment in the project, in Santa Barbara County Jail.

The program design of this project will take an America Job Center of California approach, where individuals who are incarcerated in the Santa Barbara County Jail, can receive employment and career services pre-release. As they make the transition back into to the community, participation will continue with no interruption of services. The following elements will be made available and accessible to participant's county wide, pre-release and post release, in an effort to limit barriers to accessing our services:

1. Education and Certified Training Opportunities that lead to industry-recognized certificate
2. Career Pathway and Skill Attainment
3. Offering Supportive Services and Case Management
4. Job Search and Job Placement within our regional and local industry sectors
5. Career Exploration- Labor Market Information
6. Job Search Training/Career Counseling
7. Provide participants with Individualized Employment Plans
8. One Year of Follow-up Services

With a focus on industry sectors strategies, participants will be matched and placed with employers in positions that are in high demand. Participants will be placed at worksites that fall under State and Local Industry Sectors that include:

Industry Sectors	
<i>State</i>	<i>Local</i>
Health Care and Social Assistance	Building & Design
Advanced Manufacturing	Healthcare
Clean Energy	Business Services
	Finance
	Aerospace
	Manufacturing
	Food Service Industry
	Aerospace

The project will collaborate with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office, local community colleges, Allan Hancock and Santa Barbara City College, local public and non-profit organizations. Partners will be utilized to support program operations and ensure that all required services are available to all program participants. Partners will work together to ensure each of the performance outcomes are met. Partners will work with local employers and industry to ensure that services to participants are in line with employer needs and will lead to year round employment.

**PRIMARY PARTNER:**

1. Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office  
Santa Barbara County Mail Jail, Local  
4436 Calle Real  
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

**OTHER PARTNERS:**

2. Santa Barbara City College
3. Allan Hancock College
4. America's Job Center of California
5. Community Solutions Inc.
6. Freedom 4 Youth
7. Good Samaritan Shelter

**Performance Measure:**

Program participant outcomes will be measured by the percentage of participants who, during a program year, are in education or training programs that leads to a recognized post-secondary credential and employment and who are achieving measurable skills gains toward such a credential or employment. Performance will also be measured by the total number of participants served, and total number of participants placed in unsubsidized employment.

This project will utilize the California Employment Development Department management information system CalJOBS to track all program activities including each performance indicator as follows:

1. Employment Rate in the Second Quarter
2. Employment Rate in the Fourth Quarter
3. Median Earnings in the Second Quarter
4. Credential Attainment by the Fourth Quarter

Page 4 of 5

5. Reentry Employment Opportunities – this project will utilize the Sheriff’s Applied Correctional Transition Strategy system that tracks participant recidivism.

Performance for the following additional goals will be tracked and reported.

	Additional Performance Measures	Goal
1	Total Enrollments	250
2	Co-enrollments in WIOA, Special Projects Programs	50
3	Completion of Job Readiness Workshops, Pre-release	175
4	Diploma/GED, Occupational Skills Certificate, pre/post	90
5	Paid Work Experience completers, post release	200

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

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

Narrative:

Approval of the \$2,499,999 grant from DOLETA does not affect mandates or service levels. The funds will be used to deliver reentry programming to eligible, incarcerated individuals prior to release from county jails and to continue comprehensive services after release. This project is designed to eliminate the time gap between release from prison and enrollment into a reentry program leading to employment.

Acceptance of this award will not increase the general fund contribution.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**  
0

**FTEs:**  
0

**Special Instructions:**

Please scan, email and send a copy of the minute order to:

DSS Contracts Unit

C/O Tricia Beebe

2125 S. Centerpointe Parkway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Santa Maria, CA 93455

[T.Beebe@sbcsocialserv.org](mailto:T.Beebe@sbcsocialserv.org)

**Attachments:**

- Attachment 1 – Notice of Award for Federal Award Id. No. PE-36546-21-60-A-6

**Authored by:**

Page 5 of 5

Raymond L. McDonald, WDB Executive Director  
Bill Brown, Sheriff-Coroner  
Linda Hillman, WDB Deputy Director  
Tricia Beebe, Contracts Coordinator