



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: March 2, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item:
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Alice Gleghorn, PhD, Director
Director(s) Department of Behavioral Wellness, (805) 865-0592
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Department of Behavioral Wellness, (805) 681-5236
SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness–DHCS Telehealth Support Grant Award

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve, ratify, and authorize the Department of Behavioral Wellness Director to execute twelve grant agreements (No. CA20MAT214-225) with Sierra Health Foundation: Center for Health Program Management, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation that is assisting the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) with the administration of grant funds, accepting a total of \$522,000 to support behavioral health telehealth infrastructure improvement activities due to the impact of COVID-19 for the period of 9/1/2020 through 6/30/2021;
- B. Delegate to the Department of Behavioral Wellness Director the authority to execute subsequent reports pursuant to Exhibit II Program and Financial Reporting Requirements of the grant agreements and to execute immaterial amendments to the grant agreements that do not change the amount or substantive terms of the grant agreements, subject to the Board's ability to rescind the delegated authority at any time;
- C. Approve Budget Revision Request (BJE #0007294) increasing appropriations of \$472,000 in Behavioral Wellness Department, Mental Health Services Act Fund, for S&S (\$344,100) and Capital Assets (\$127,900) and increasing appropriations of \$50,000 in Behavioral Wellness

Department, Mental Health Services Fund, for S&S (\$18,100) and Capital Assets (\$31,900). A total of **\$522,000** in unanticipated revenue from the DHCS Telehealth Grant Award; and

- D. 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:

Utilizing Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) funds, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) developed a grant program to assist behavioral health providers with the transition to telehealth services in response to COVID-19. Behavioral Wellness applied for grants to support 12 of our mental health locations throughout the County. Behavioral Wellness was awarded grant funding totaling \$522,000 to enhance our telehealth capabilities, and approval of the recommended actions will allow acceptance of grant awards and implementation of telehealth infrastructure.

Background:

Without intervention, the disruption presented by COVID-19 will pose risks to treatment for individuals with substance use disorder and mental health disorders. Therefore, DHCS developed grant funding to enhance telehealth capacity of behavioral health providers, including creation of telehealth centers to be accessed by individuals who do not have regular, confidential access to technology. Eligible applicants included community-based mental health and substance use disorder providers and County Behavioral Wellness departments and providers could apply for up to \$50,000 per site for costs, including, laptops, desktops, monitors, and internet subscriptions such as Zoom. Sites could also apply for up to 10% of the total cost to cover PPE equipment. Extra scoring points may be added for providers in counties with the highest mortality rates related to substance use disorders and mental health disorders and for providers who serve patients in predominantly rural areas.

Grant funding will allow Behavioral Wellness to acquire additional resources necessary to enhance telehealth services for staff and clients. Staff will be provided with equipment necessary to facilitate telehealth mental health services regardless of whether they are in the field, at home, or in the office. Equipment may include laptops, monitors, and video conferencing licenses. Additionally, funding will also be utilized to convert office space and conference rooms into telehealth centers where clients and staff can engage in individual and small group sessions within COVID-19 social distancing restrictions.

Behavioral Wellness applied for and was awarded grants for the following locations:

Description	Contract No	Award
Lompoc Adult Mental Health Clinic	CA20MAT214	\$ 50,000
Lompoc Children's Mental Health Clinic	CA20MAT222	\$ 50,000
Santa Barbara Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU)	CA20MAT219	\$ 50,000
Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF)	CA20MAT221	\$ 50,000
South County Crisis Services	CA20MAT220	\$ 50,000
Santa Barbara Mental Health Children's Clinic	CA20MAT223	\$ 50,000
Calle Real Adult Clinic	CA20MAT224	\$ 50,000
Santa Barbara CARES/ACT Services (ACT)	CA20MAT215	\$ 50,000

North County Crisis Services	CA20MAT216	\$ 25,500
Santa Maria Children and Adult Mental Health Services	CA20MAT225	\$ 25,500
North County Forensic and Homeless Services	CA20MAT2117	\$ 25,500
RISE/TAY Services	CA20MAT218	\$ 45,500

Total Award

\$ 522,000

Performance Measure:

Behavioral Wellness will be required to submit a Progress Narrative Report by February 15, 2021, as well as a Final Narrative Report and Final Financial Report by July 15, 2021. The report components include accomplishments and barriers as well as a detailed summary of project progress. The Final Financial Report details actual expenditures as compared to the approved budget along with an explanation of any variances.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Budget Revision #0007294 is requested for approval to establish FY 20-21 funding.

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	\$ 522,000		\$ 522,000
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 522,000	\$ -	\$ 522,000

Narrative: This Board letter seeks authorization for the Department of Behavioral Wellness Director to sign twelve grant agreements with Sierra Health Foundation: Center for Health Program Management accepting DHCS grant funds in the amount of \$522,000. This is a one-time funding opportunity.

Key Contract Risks:

The funding is subject to congressional appropriation of funds. If the funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted by the Budget Act for purposes of this program, DHCS has the option to either cancel this Contract with no liability occurring to DHCS, or offer an amended agreement to Contractor to reflect the reduced amount. It also passes on to the County the responsibility to repay any audit exception taken by the Federal government or the California State Auditor. The contract also imposes procedural and reporting requirements that Behavioral Wellness currently implements, that could be subject to audit in the future.

Staffing Impacts:

None

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Minute Order and one (1) complete copy of the contract for each of the above to abello@sbcbswell.org and to bwelcontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Attachments:

Attachment A: CA20MAT214 – Lompoc Adult Mental Health Clinic

Attachment B: CA20MAT215 – ACT

Attachment C: CA20MAT216 – North County Crisis

Attachment D: CA20MAT217 – North County Forensic

Attachment E: CA20MAT218 – RISE/TAY Services

Attachment F: CA20MAT219 – CSU

Attachment G: CA20MAT220 – South County Crisis Services

Attachment H: CA20MAT221 – PHF

Attachment I: CA20MAT222 – Lompoc Children’s Mental Health Clinic

Attachment J: CA20MAT223 – Santa Barbara Mental Health Children’s Clinic

Attachment K: CA20MAT224 – Calle Real Adult Clinic

Attachment L: CA20MAT225 – Santa Maria Children and Adult Mental Health Services

Attachment M: BJE #0007294

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