



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: Community Services
Department No.: 057
Agenda Date: August 19, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s): Jesús Armas, Community Services Director
Contact: Joe Dzvonik, Assistant Director of Housing & Community Development
Lucille Boss, Housing Programs Manager
SUBJECT: Approval of Agreement with Showers of Blessing Santa Barbara

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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 and authorize the Chair of the Board, pursuant to the Human Services Commission (HSC) funding recommendations approved by the Board on May 13, 2025, to execute an Agreement in the amount of \$26,250 between the County and the Showers of Blessing Santa Barbara (SOB) for Mobile Shower Program (HSGF Agreement) (Attachment A); and
- b) Determine that the above recommended actions are not the approval of projects that are subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), finding that the actions are not projects as they are the 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 impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

On May 13 and June 17, 2025, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved funding awards to SOB for a locally-funded Mobile Shower Program at the St. Athanasius site. Pursuant to this funding award, the Community Services Department (CSD) has prepared the attached Agreement to be executed by the Board Chair.

Discussion:

N/A

Background:

The Community Services Department administers HSC funding, intended to sustain critical social service safety net programs countywide. Following the funding recommendations approved by the Board on May 13, 2025, the HSGF Agreement before the Board for approval today includes \$26,250 for Mobile Shower Program for the 2025-2026 fiscal year (and 2026-2027, pending funding availability).

Performance Measures:

SOB is required to report on the number of persons served, their income level, and other demographic information on a quarterly basis. SOB must also provide documentation supporting expenditures of County funds and confirm cost-eligibility of expenses subject to reimbursement with County funds. Funds are allocated on cost-reimbursement basis with associated supporting documentation confirming cost-eligibility and compliance with applicable law. CSD staff will monitor the performance of SOB.

SOB has a track record of successfully operating publicly-funded projects in the past which have had similar regulatory and administrative requirements. The County will only reimburse SOB for costs that are actually incurred, eligible for reimbursement under the applicable agreement, and documented in a manner acceptable to CSD.

Scope of Services: HSGF Agreement

Number Served	Goal
785	Showers provided to clients.
6,800	Repeat clients will have access to self-care routines through following a posted schedule of weekly shower sessions at accessible locations in Santa Barbara, Goleta, and Isla Vista.
118	Clients will report feeling healthier and more comfortable in their clothes on shower days, with improved mental outlook.
50	Guests will prioritize self-care and shower regularly, reporting benefits from showering regularly (10 or more times during the year).

Contract Renewals:

Consistent with past practice, the Agreement will note the CSD Director is authorized to approve and execute amendments to renew the HSC GF Agreement for FY 2026-2027, at the Director’s discretion and subject to continued appropriation of funds and SOB’s satisfactory performance.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

This contract is included in the department’s annual budget. CSD assumes responsibility for the administration of HSC funds in accordance with all local, federal and state requirements governing the use of such funds.

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Source	FY 2025-26
General Fund: HSC	\$26,250
Total	\$26,250

Staffing Impacts:

N/A

Special Instructions:

After Board action, please return the following to Lucille Boss via e-mail at LBoss@countyofsb.org:

1. Executed Agreement
2. Minute Order

Attachments:

Attachment A – Showers of Blessing HSC Subrecipient Agreement

Contact Information:

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