



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** Social Services  
**Department No.:** 044  
**For Agenda Of:** August 27, 2024  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Daniel Nielson, Social Services Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Agreement with Goodwill Industries of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties  
and Good Samaritan Shelter for Post Release Services for Pathway Home 2  
Project

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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 to execute an Agreement with Goodwill Industries of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties (local vendor) to provide Pathway Home 2 Project Post Release Services for a total contract not to exceed \$170,000 for the period of August 27, 2024 through June 30, 2025;
- b) Authorize the Director of Social Services, or designee, to reallocate the budgeted line items of the Agreement with Goodwill Industries of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties for Pathway Home 2 Project Post Release Services without exceeding the total contract amount;
- c) Authorize the Director of Social Services, or designee, allocate the amount of unused funds from the previous Fiscal Year budget to the next Fiscal Year Budget and extend the Agreement with Goodwill Industries of Ventura and Santa Barbara County for the Pathway Home 2 Project, subject to appropriations and budget approval;
- d) Authorize the Director of Social Services, or designee, allocate the amount of unused funds from the previous Fiscal Year budget to the next Fiscal Year Budget and extend the Agreement with

Good Samaritan Shelter for the Pathway Home 2 Project, subject to appropriations and budget approval;

- e) Authorize the Director of Social Services, or designee, to reallocate the budgeted line items of the Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter for Pathway Home 2 Project without exceeding the total contract amount; and
- f) Determine that the activity is not a “Project” subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(5), 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 the Agreement with Goodwill Industries of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties (Goodwill) to provide Pathway Home 2 (PH2) Project post release services for a total contract amount not to exceed \$170,000 for the period of August 20, 2024 to June 30, 2025. This item is also on the agenda to give authority to the Director of Social Services, or designee to allocate the amount of unused funds from the previous Fiscal Year budget to the next Fiscal Year Budget and extend the Agreements with Goodwill Industries of Ventura and Santa Barbara County and Good Samaritan Shelter for the PH2 Project, subject to appropriations and budget approval.

**Background:**

On January 19, 2021, the Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (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 (WIOA). These grants provide the opportunity to deliver reentry programming to eligible, incarcerated individuals prior to release from state correctional facilities, county or local jails and to continue comprehensive services after release. These projects are designed to eliminate the time gap between release from jail and enrollment into a reentry program leading to employment.

The Santa Barbara County Workforce Development Board (WDB), in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office applied for and was awarded \$2,499,999 to implement the PH2 project in Santa Barbara County. The project will provide 250 individuals, incarcerated in the local jails, with workforce services prior and after release; transition participants into education, employment, and training programs in the communities to which they will return.

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 the Notice of Award signed by the DOLETA approving official.

On August 17, 2021, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Director of the Department of Social Services (DSS) to accept the funds and to begin the process of entering into agreements with partners for the use of Pathway Home 2 Project funds.

Since 2022, the PH2 project has operated with a focused on pre-release services through a strong partnership 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 support program operations and ensure that all required services are available to all program participants. Additionally, partners work together to ensure each of the performance outcomes, as established by DOL, are met.

The program now requires a shift of services to post release; ensuring participants are connected to resources, including employment and education opportunities. Goodwill, through this agreement, will be responsible for the coordination of program services including referrals and connections to vocational/occupational skills training, mentoring, case management services, and job placement assistance.

**PRIMARY PARTNER:**

1. Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

**OTHER PARTNERS:**

2. Santa Barbara City College
3. Allan Hancock College
4. Goodwill Industries of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties
5. Community Solutions Inc.
6. Freedom 4 Youth
7. Good Samaritan Shelter

**Performance Measure:**

The following performance measures are included in the Agreement:

1. Goodwill Agreement:

- a. Meet or exceed the following goals:

Number of participants to be enrolled	250
Number of participants to be co-enrolled into WIOA or other Special Projects	50
Number of participants to complete career readiness training	175
Number of participants to be placed by CONTRACTOR in work experience	100-200
Number of participants to complete GED or vocational training certificate	90

- b. Meet DOLETA established performance goals:

- i. 60 percent of participants exited from the PH2 project must be in unsubsidized employment during the second quarter after exit.
      - ii. 55 percent of participants exited from the PH2 project must be in unsubsidized employment during the fourth quarter after exit.

- iii. Participants exited from the PH2 project and in unsubsidized employment during the second quarter after exit must earn the median earnings amount of \$5,000.
- iv. 65 percent of participants who, during a program year, are in an education or training activity that leads to a recognized postsecondary credential or employment and who are achieving Measurable Skill Gains (MSG), defined as documented academic, technical, occupational, or other forms of progress, towards such a credential or employment.
- v. 60 percent of those participants enrolled in an education or training activity (excluding those in on-the-job training and customized training) must attain a recognized postsecondary credential, a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent, or an industry-recognized credential during participation in or within one year after exit from the PH2 project.
- vi. 25 percent or less recidivism, defined as the percentage of participants who were in or returning from an adult correctional facility prior to enrolling in the program and have been convicted of a new criminal offense committed within 12 months of their release from the correctional facility.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes **Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2024- 2025 Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund			
State			
Federal	\$ 170,000.00		\$ 170,000.00
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 170,000.00	\$ -	\$ 170,000.00

**Narrative:**

DOLETA awarded WDB Federal funds in the amount of \$2,499,999 for the period of March 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024 for the PH2 Grant. This funding includes multiple contracts with various vendors. Contractual costs for Goodwill Industries of Ventura and Santa Barbara County Fiscal Year 2024-25 are reflected in the Fiscal Analysis table above, and appropriations for this contract are already incorporated into the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget. This contract is funded by the US Department of Labor as part of an award totaling \$2,499,999 (100%) with \$0 (0%) state, local, and/or non-federal sources. There is no impact to General Fund.

**Key Contract Risks:**

The risk assessment worksheets have been completed and Goodwill is a medium risk vendor. Goodwill is insured for General and Professional Liability. The County has experience with Goodwill and is confident of their ability to provide services.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

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**FTEs:**

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**Special Instructions:**

Please scan, email and send one (1) duplicate original of each Agreement, and a copy of the minute order to:

DSS Procurement and Contracts Unit

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**Attachments:**

1. Attachment 1 – Agreement – Goodwill – PH2 Post Release Services
2. Attachment 2 – Agreement – Good Samaritan Shelter – PH2 Shelter Support Services

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