



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

March 12, 2024

Present: 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 24-00232

RE: Consider recommendations regarding an Agreement with Harris and Associates to Prepare a Countywide Strategic Plan for Workforce Housing Development and Preservation, as follows:
(4/5 Vote Required)

a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with Harris and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$246,490.00 for delivery of a Strategic Plan for Workforce Housing Development and Preservation;

b) Authorize the County's Community Services Department Director, or designee, to approve and execute amendments to extend the term of the agreement, to amend the Agreement's Budget line items and/or amounts in each line item, provided that the overall amount of the Budget is not increased, and approve necessary administrative changes to the Agreement that are necessary to conform with Federal, state, and local laws, guidelines, policies, and funding amounts;

c) Approve allocation \$246,490.00 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) grant funds for a Workforce Housing Development and Preservation consultant, funded from offsetting reductions to the Broadband Strategy Study (\$15,000.00) and Homeless Encampment Strategy Year 1 (\$231,490.00) projects;

d) Approve Budget Revision Request No. 0009594 to establish appropriations of \$246,490.00, funded by an Operating Transfer from ARPA of \$246,490.00; and

e) Determine that the approval of the recommended actions is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) since the recommended actions are government fiscal activities which do not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Jonathan Abboud, Jay Freeman, and Carrie Topliffe addressed the Board.



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A motion was made by Supervisor Capps, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be acted on as follows:

- a) Approved and authorized; Chair to execute;
- b) Authorized; and
- c) through e) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino