



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Health
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: June 15, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PhD, Director
Director(s) Public Health Department
Contact Info: Dana Gamble, LCSW, Interim Deputy Director, Public Health Department
SUBJECT: Northern Santa Barbara County United Way, Inc. Agreement

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors consider the following recommendations:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Northern Santa Barbara County United Way, Inc., a California Corporation (a local vendor), for the continued provision of engagement and outreach services to homeless individuals for a maximum contract amount not to exceed \$19,800 for services provided September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021.
- b) Determine that the above action is not a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines, since the action consists of organizational or administrative activities of the government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the Board's agenda to execute an Agreement for Services with Northern Santa Barbara County United Way, Inc. (United Way North) to continue to provide engagement and outreach services to homeless individuals through AmeriCorps members. The United Way North has been providing these services since September 1, 2019. The Public Health Department (PHD) wishes to enter into an agreement with United Way North to provide these services in collaboration with the PHD's Health Care for the Homeless Program (HCH). This agreement was not competed because United Way North

is the only AmeriCorps sponsored agency in Santa Barbara County focusing on placing AmeriCorps members with agencies addressing homelessness.

Background:

Americorps is a network of national service programs, made up of three primary programs that each take a different approach to improving lives and fostering civic engagement. Members commit their time to address critical community needs. The AmeriCorps Program is a program of the United Way and is administered by California Volunteers and sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service. Through the AmeriCorps Program, AmeriCorps members serve with the United Way and through other various agencies that assist veterans and people experiencing homelessness. Outreach services are delivered to the community at-large, special population groups, human service agencies, and to unserved or underserved homeless individuals. These services aim to enhance access to medical care for people experiencing homelessness.

United Way North provides four (4) part-time AmeriCorps staff members to serve with the PHD's Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) Program, thereby allowing for the expansion of homeless outreach services in all three regions of the county. With the limited staffing resources primarily focused on Public Health Nursing at shelter and service sites as well as in the field, utilizing the AmeriCorps program would increase the PHD's efficacy with existing efforts for outreach to homeless individuals with health concerns.

The utilization of AmeriCorps staff members by PHD for engagement and outreach services to homeless individuals is a benefit to the County because services are provided at minimal to low cost. In addition, it provides an opportunity for homeless individuals with health care concerns to receive the treatment they need for healing but may also lead to attainment of permanent housing and/or other related services.

Performance Measure:

United Way North provides the PHD with four part-time AmeriCorps staff to work with homeless care providers and county HCH staff. United Way North ensures that there is on-going training/coaching for AmeriCorps staff.

Throughout FY 20/21, the United Way North AmeriCorps staff has and will continue to conduct 1:1 interactions with homeless persons, assist them with engaging in the larger continuum of care, make referrals and help them to obtain benefits and housing.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding for the \$19,800 cost of the United Way North AmeriCorps volunteers is provided from an allocation of program income generated by the Public Health Department Health Care Center program. This amount is expected to be fully expended during the current 2020-21 Fiscal Year.

Funding Sources	Current FY Cost:	FY 21/22 Cost:	Total One-Time Project Cost
General Fund			
State			
Federal	\$ 19,800.00		
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 19,800.00	\$ -	\$ -

Key Contract Risks:

With any contractor providing volunteer services, there is a risk that volunteer members will make errors, engage in misconduct, and be negligent in performance of assigned duties which may create liability to County. United Way North has more than five years of experience working with AmeriCorps and supervising the volunteers in this work. Additionally, the County’s standard insurance and indemnity for professional contracts is incorporated into the Agreement as Exhibit C and the Agreement can be terminated for convenience.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
0

FTEs:
0

Special Instructions:

Please execute two (2) original Agreements with Northern Santa Barbara County United Way and retain one (1) original Agreement and one (1) Minute Order for pick up by the department. Please email the PHD Contracts Unit at Kelly.Lazarus@sbcphd.org when available for pick up.

Attachments:

- A. Northern Santa Barbara County United Way, Inc. Agreement

Authored by:

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