



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: March 4, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Approval of Subrecipient Agreement for Opioid Settlement Funds with Good Samaritan Shelter for Street Outreach

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Public Health Department

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 of Supervisors to execute Subrecipient Agreements for the distribution of Opioid Settlement funding to Good Samaritan Shelter for \$375,000 for a homeless outreach and engagement support team; and
- b) Determine that the above recommended actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4) as the actions involve the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve a commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

Staff recommends the approval of an agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter (GSS) for Outreach Services as a critical part of moving unsheltered persons into shelter and permanent housing. On June 18, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved Opioid Settlement Funding recommendations to

provide support for opioid remediation including prevention, treatment and harm reduction, and allocated \$375,000 to the Community Services Department to administer a Homeless Outreach and Engagement Support Team. The agreement provides funding for staff, transportation, supplies, and client incentives for the period January 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025. GSS outreach will ensure that individuals residing in homeless encampments utilize available housing opportunities and receive medical and mental health services. GSS outreach is currently funded by American Plan Rescue Act (ARPA) and without these additional revenues to sustain operations, the program will end on December 31, 2024.

Background:

On August 31, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved an Encampment Resolution Strategy. In furtherance of the Strategy, on June 28, 2022, the Board approved an agreement for \$1.75M of ARPA funds for outreach engagement to unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness. This agreement was later amended and concludes December 31, 2024.

On June 18, 2024, the Board received a report on the Opioid Unified Response (OUR SBC) strategic priorities and provided initial direction for utilizing the Opioid Settlement Funds. The Opioid Settlements are the result of litigation against distributors and manufacturers of prescription opioids to recover the costs associated with opioid drug misuse caused by the deceptive marketing and sale of prescription opioids, and to obtain other remedies to mitigate the problem going forward. After reviewing this report, the Board approved the following general priority areas: 1) expanding “Prevention, Strengthening Treatment, and Harm Reduction” programs, and 2) supporting “Data Collection” efforts. Among the recommendations considered and approved by the Board was funding to continue outreach and engagement services post December 31, when ARPA funding will cease to be available to fund these services.

GSS is the contracted provider for Dignity Moves Interim Shelters throughout the County, is the lease holder at Bridge House, and currently serves as the sole-source provider for operations and services of this outreach program. From July 1, 2022 through October 31, 2024, the ARPA outreach team has served 539 people experiencing homelessness, placed 246 into shelter and have 341 exits to positive housing destinations. The recommended Agreement would allow this successful outreach team to continue.

Performance Measure:

The services provided through the attached Subrecipient Agreements, from January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025, are summarized below. The Subrecipient will provide quarterly reports to the County regarding performance measures, which are summarized in the tables below.

Goals

Subrecipient will provide the following levels of services during the term of the Agreement:

	Goal
Unduplicated number of homeless persons or persons at imminent or at risk of homelessness to be served	100
Number of unsheltered homeless persons entering shelter	55
Number of homeless persons entering permanent housing (placed into units)	15
Number of homeless households entering permanent housing (placed into units)	15

Performance Measures

Subrecipient will meet the following performance measures during the term of the Agreement:

	Goal
% of individuals successfully placed in permanent housing	15%
% of homeless households successfully placed in permanent housing	15%
% of unsheltered homeless persons entering shelter	55%
% of adult participants will obtain earned income at project exit	20%
% of adult participants will obtain cash/non-cash benefits at project exit	85%
% of project participants entering permanent housing that will retain permanent housing at 1 year	85%

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

If so directed by the Board, the Opioid Settlement funding requested in this board letter will be used to achieve the performance measures listed above.

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	Current FY Cost:	Annualized On-going Cost:	Total One-Time Project Cost
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			\$ 375,000.00
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 375,000.00

Narrative: The proposed funding action would approve up to \$375,000 in restricted Opioid Settlement funding to continue homeless outreach and engagement support services through June 30, 2025.

Staffing Impacts:

There is no staffing impact associated with the recommended actions. If so directed by the Board, actions discussed herein can be achieved utilizing existing staff.

Special Instructions:

- 1) Please execute two (2) original copies of the Subrecipient Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter and return to Katherine Soto-Vasquez via interoffice mail, or call 805-951-0641 for pickup.

Attachments:

Attachment A - Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter for outreach and engagement to unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness

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