



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:** October 3, 2023  
**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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Division Chief, (805) 681-4529  
**SUBJECT:** Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter for Bringing Families Home and Home Safe Programs

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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 Good Samaritan Shelter (local vendor) to provide Bringing Families Home and Home Safe Programs for a total contract amount not to exceed \$199,999 for the period of October 3, 2023 through June 30, 2024; and
- b) 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 an agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter (local vendor) to provide Bringing Families Home (BFH) and Home Safe (HS) Programs for a total contract amount not to exceed \$199,999 for the period from October 3, 2023 through June 30, 2024. These are both new programs offered by the Department of Social Services (DSS) to provide housing case management and navigation services to approximately 35 BFH and HS eligible families and individuals.

**Background:**

The BFH Program was established by Assembly Bill 1603 (Chapter 25, Statutes of 2016) and updated by Senate Bill 80 (Chapter 27, Statutes of 2019). BFH provides housing supports to families receiving Child Welfare Services who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, thereby increasing family reunification and preventing foster care placement.

The HS Program was established in Assembly Bill 135 (Chapter 14, Section 15770 of the Welfare and Institutions Code). HS provides housing supports to Adult Protective Services clients who are experiencing housing instability or are at imminent risk of homelessness due to elder or dependent adult abuse, neglect, self-neglect or financial exploitation.

BFH and HS funding will help individuals and families in Santa Barbara County locate and maintain housing through a variety of services and supports including housing related case management, housing navigation, housing related direct financial assistance, and housing stabilization services.

BFH and HS both require the utilization of evidence-based housing practices and coordination with the greater homelessness response system, including participation in the local homeless Continuum of Care and local Coordinated Entry System. These evidence-based housing practices may include Rapid Rehousing, Supportive Housing, and Targeted Prevention Services. BFH and HS must operate in accordance with the California Department of Housing and Community Development Housing First model.

**Performance Measure:**

Good Samaritan Shelter shall meet the following Performance Measures:

1. 95% of individuals/families will be contacted by the Good Samaritan Shelter within 3 business days of initial referral.
2. 95% of individual/families referred will receive a housing assessment within 30 days.
3. 80% of individuals/families will be housed within 60 days.
4. Individuals/families receiving services under this contract will be entered into the Homeless Management Information System within 3 business days.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund			
State	\$ 199,999.00		
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 199,999.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**Narrative:**

Approval and execution of this agreement will result in total direct contract expenditures of no more than \$199,999 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024. Appropriations and associated funding for FY 2023-2024 are included in the DSS adopted budget under the Social Service Programs division. This Agreement will be funded with 100% state funds. The Agreement contains a non-appropriation clause in the event funds are not appropriated.

**Key Contract Risks:**

The risk assessment worksheet has been completed and DSS has determined that Good Samaritan Shelter is a high-risk vendor. The agreement was rated as “high risk” primarily due to program longevity (new program), contract type (cost reimbursable), and it is funded by 100% state funds. The County has experience with Good Samaritan Shelter and is confident of its ability to provide these 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 Agreement, and a copy of the minute order to:

DSS Contracts Unit

C/O Tricia Beebe

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**Attachments:**

1. Attachment 1 – Agreement – Good Sam – BFH and HS Program

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