



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 18, 2020
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Daniel Nielson, Social Services Director
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Contact Info: Raymond L. McDonald, Executive Director
Workforce Development Board, (805) 681-4652
SUBJECT: **Agreements with Transitions - Mental Health Association and Goodwill of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties for Assembly Bill 1111: Breaking Barriers to Employment Initiative Project**

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Director of Social Services to execute an Agreement to receive \$117,000 in Breaking Barriers to Employment Initiative grant funds from Transitions - Mental Health Association (a local vendor), to partner on their Assembly Bill 1111: Breaking Barriers to Employment Initiative Project – Growing Grounds Enterprises for a total contract amount not to exceed \$117,000 for the period of August 18, 2020 through April 30, 2022;
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with Goodwill of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties (a local vendor), to provide case management support, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$52,119 from August 18, 2020 through April 30, 2022;
- c) Authorize the Director of Social Services, or designee, to extend the Agreements and allocate the amount of unused funds from the previous Fiscal Year budget to the next Fiscal Year budget, subject to appropriations and budget approval; and
- d) Approved Budget Journal Entry No. 006942 to establish funds for \$117,000 (Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for \$61,286) in the Department of Social Services Fund 0058 (4/5 Vote Required); and

- e) Determine that the activity is not a “Project” subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(4), the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment; and 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:

These items are on the agenda in order to approve the following Agreements:

1. Agreement to receive \$117,000 in Assembly Bill (AB) 1111: Breaking Barriers to Employment Initiative grant funds from Transitions - Mental Health Association (TMHA), for the period of August 18, 2020 through April 30, 2022; and
2. Agreement with Goodwill of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties (Goodwill) to provide case management support, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$52,119 from August 18, 2020 through April 30, 2022.

TMHA collaborated with the County of Santa Barbara Workforce Development Board (WDB) to apply for and was awarded the AB 1111: Breaking Barriers to Employment Initiative grant for TMHA’s Growing Grounds Enterprises project to provide paid employment and vocational training services to adults living with mental illness. The WDB will support TMHA by providing CalJOBS data management through Goodwill, quarterly reports, technical assistance and consultation. TMHA will serve as the pass-through and designated agency by the California Workforce Development Board responsible for managing the grant funds.

Background:

In October 2017, the California Legislature approved AB 1111, Removing Barriers to Employment Act (Chapter 824, Statutes 2017), which established the Breaking Barriers to Employment Initiative. The purpose of the initiative is to provide individuals with barriers to employment the services they need to enter, participate in, and complete broader workforce preparation, training, and education programs aligned with regional labor market needs. Those who complete these programs should have the skills and competencies necessary to successfully enter the labor market, retain employment, and earn wages that lead to self-sufficiency, and eventually, economic security.

The Breaking Barriers to Employment Grant Program’s aim is to provide services to target populations who are often not eligible for other state and federal programs. Activities are inclusive, from basic education and adult education, to on-the-job training, and supportive services.

TMHA is a non-profit organization serving San Luis Obispo and North Santa Barbara Counties. TMHA shall provide staffing for the provision of services designed to provide vocational training, support and work experience at the Growing Grounds Farm located in Santa Maria. The services provided at the Growing Grounds Farm include entry level gardening groups that serve as engagement points and preliminary vocational skill building for individuals with mental illness.

On April 1, 2020, TMHA was awarded \$468,616 from the AB 1111: Breaking Barriers to Employment Initiative Grant Program for TMHA’s project: Growing Grounds Enterprises. The goal of the project is to create a new, meaningful bridge between both Farms and Supported Employment by offering 12-

week paid training classes that are held on-site at both San Luis Obispo and Santa Maria enterprises. These classes are provided by job coaches and vocational trainers and assist participants in creating career plans and pursuing jobs in the greater community. The goal is to strengthen outcomes for these participants, specifically with job retention and livable wages.

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Performance Measure:

Goodwill Agreement:

- a. Provide the following for 115 unduplicated Participants identified by TMHA:
 - a. Participant intake and eligibly determination.
 - b. CalJOBS data entry to include Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act program application information, activity and case notes.
 - c. Development of Individual Employment Plan.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 2020-2021</u>	<u>FY 2021 - 2022</u>	<u>Total Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State	\$ 61,285.00	\$ 55,715.00	\$ 117,000.00
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 61,285.00	\$ 55,715.00	\$ 117,000.00

Narrative:

This agreement will result in expenditures of \$33,985 for WDB Salaries and Benefits and \$27,300 of Goodwill contractual costs for a total of \$61,285 in Fiscal Year 2020-2021. The remaining expenditures will be for \$30,896 of WDB Salaries and Benefits and \$24,819 of Goodwill contractual costs for a total of \$55,715 in Fiscal Year 2021-2022. TMHA will reimburse the WDB through state funds for any activity relating to the Breaking Barriers to Employment Initiative program. There is no impact to General Fund.

Key Contract Risks:

The risk assessment worksheet has been completed and the Department of Social Services has determined that both TMHA and Goodwill are medium risk vendors.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

0

FTEs:

0

Special Instructions:

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

DSS Contracts Unit

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Attachments:

1. Attachment 1 – Agreement – TMHA – AB 1111
2. Attachment 2 – Agreement – Goodwill – AB 1111
3. Attachment 3 – BJE #006942

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