



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Community Services
Department No.: 057
For Agenda Of: July 16, 2024
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Jesús Armas, Community Services Director, (805) 568-2467
Director(s)
Contact Info: Garrett Wong, Climate Program Manager. (805) 390-2983

SUBJECT: Guadalupe-Lompoc Initiative Agreement with Community Environmental Council

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk; CEO Budget

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

- a) Approve and authorize the Department Director to execute a contract agreement with Community Environmental Council to receive an amount not to exceed \$584,000 to implement various tasks under the Guadalupe-Lompoc Climate Action Initiative, and authorize the Director the ability to amend the contract for scope amendments within the authorized amount and agreement term; and
- b) Approve Budget Revision Request BRR-0009877 (Attachment C) necessary to adjust appropriations for the receipt of unanticipated Grant Revenues in the amount of \$584,000 (4/5 vote); and
- c) Determine that the above recommended actions are not a “Project” with the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) per CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5), since the recommended actions are organizational or administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

The Community Environmental Council (CEC) seeks to partner with the County Sustainability Division to implement various activities with multiple partners for capacity building and community climate resilience in the Guadalupe and Lompoc areas.

This item is to request Board approval and authorization for the Director to execute a contract agreement with Community Environmental Council to receive an amount not to exceed \$584,000, and the ability to amend the contract for scope amendments within the authorized amount. Staff also request a budget revision to adjust appropriations for the receipt of unanticipated Grant Revenues in the amount of \$584,000.

The Sustainability Division would receive \$110,000 for administration, project management and implementation of activities. \$474,000 would be passed through to other organizations in the Guadalupe area.

Background:

In October 2022, the Sustainability Division submitted a \$1.75M grant application to the Strategic Growth Council's Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) grant program in partnership with the cities of Guadalupe and Lompoc, and several nonprofits, including Community Environmental Council (CEC), to build capacity and initiate activities that would enhance community climate resilience in the north county region, known as the Guadalupe-Lompoc Initiative.

While the County was not awarded funding from the grant, CEC was appropriated \$1.625M through a State budget trailer bill for the 2023-25 fiscal year period in support of the Santa Barbara County Regional Climate Collaborative. As a result of the bill language, CEC is the primary grantee receiving funding on behalf of the original Guadalupe-Lompoc Initiative concept submitted by the County. CEC seeks to partner with the County to carry out the activities initially proposed in the RCC grant application.

CEC will directly oversee the following activities with the following entities, in addition to administering the funds:

- The City of Lompoc will identify and design stormwater infiltration basin sites to increase groundwater recharge.
- The Wildfire Resilience Collaborative (WRC), administered by the Cachuma Resource Conservation District would serve as the convener of local community-based organizations to establish community gardens, and identify priorities and needs to enhance wildfire resilience.
- The Central Coast Climate Collaborative to publish the Central Coast Resilience Hubs toolkit, implement a Central Coast Sustainability Symposium, and offer grant writing support and networking opportunities.

The County will be a sub-recipient and oversee the following activities with the following entities:

- The County Sustainability Division will convene partners on a regular basis to provide peer-to-peer learning and networking opportunities. The Sustainability Division will support the City of Guadalupe to develop and adopt a Climate Action Plan (CAP).
- The Guadalupe Business Association and the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center would serve in an advisory committee and conduct community engagement activities to support CAP development.
- The Santa Barbara County Promotores Network would also provide native-language outreach and engagement on behalf of the various initiatives within Guadalupe and Lompoc and expand local and regional capacity through additional recruitment of Promotores and training organizations to work with them.

The contract agreement is for a total amount not to exceed \$584,000 for the above-stated activities, for a term until March 30, 2027. The Promotores Network would receive \$85,000; Guadalupe Business Association would receive \$110,000; Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center would receive \$40,000; and the City of Guadalupe would receive \$239,000. The Sustainability Division would receive \$110,000 for administration, project management and implementation of activities.

The period of the contract would be from August 2024 to March 2027.

Performance Measure:

Completion of the draft Climate Action Plan for the City of Guadalupe.

Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:

Community Environmental Council’s grant agreement is for the period of August 2024 to March 2027, therefore the County’s agreement with CEC will not be renewed after March 2027.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Approval of Recommended Action B establishes the necessary appropriations for unanticipated Grant Revenues through a Budget Revision Request.

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			\$ 584,000.00
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 584,000.00

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Key Contract Risks:

The County assumes responsibility for the administration of funds in accordance with all State requirements governing their use. In addition, the County would be liable as a pass-through entity for repayment to the State government if it, or any provider to which it sub-grants funds, is found not to comply with applicable funding program requirements. In this regard, the County is responsible for using funds for costs that are eligible under the identified funding sources and documented in a manner that is acceptable to the administering State and Federal departments.

Staffing Impacts:

The current requested activity falls within currently budgeted staff duties.

Special Instructions:

Send a copy of the Minute order to Garrett Wong gwong@countyofsb.org

Attachments:

Attachment A – October 4, 2022 Board Meeting

Attachment B – Contract Agreement with Community Environmental Council

Attachment C – Budget Revision Request

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