



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: June 23, 2015
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: - -
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director(s) Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer, 568-3400
Contact Info: Terri Maus-Nisich, Assistant CEO, 568-3400

SUBJECT: PATH (People Assisting the Homeless) Agreements

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form:

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive and file a report updating the Board on the merger between Casa Esperanza Homeless Center and PATH (People Assisting the Homeless) (Attachment A)
2. Approve and consent to PATH (People Assisting the Homeless) as the acceptable operator of the homeless shelter at 816 Cacique Street, Santa Barbara, CA, provided that Casa Esperanza Homeless Center merges with and into PATH; and
3. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the following agreements with PATH (People Assisting the Homeless):
 - a. Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor for a total contract amount not to exceed \$171,900 through June 30, 2016 for the provision of shelter beds for ADMHS mental health clients (Attachment B);
 - b. Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor for a total contract amount not to exceed \$32,850 through June 30, 2016 for the provision of shelter beds for the Social Services Department's Adult Protective Services clients (Attachment C);

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- c. Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor for a total contract amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 (Human Services General Funds) through June 30, 2016 for the provision of a Workforce Connection Self-Employment Program (Attachment D);
 - d. Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor for a total contract amount not to exceed \$15,000 through June 30, 2016 for the provision of substance abuse screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment services for Public Health Clients (Attachment E);
4. Find that the proposed actions do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines, because they consist of 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 impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the Board's agenda in order to receive Board approval for the Chair to execute agreements with PATH (People Assisting the Homeless) in the total amount not to exceed **\$299,750.00** at this time for the following County departments for the stated programs/services:

Agency	Program/Service	FY 2015-16 Amounts
ADMHS (State Mental Health Realignment)	Shelter beds (20/day) mental health clients	\$171,900.00
Social Services	Shelter beds APS (730 bed nights)	\$32,850.00
County Executive Offices -Human Services	Self-Employment Program (40 clients)	\$80,000.00
Public Health	Substance Abuse screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment services	\$15,000.00
Total as of June 23, 2015		\$299,750.00
<i>Other County PATH Contracts for consideration at a later date*:</i>		
Additional General Funds – Allocated during Budget Hearings	Shelter Operations	\$120,000.00 (Approved during Budget Hearings)
Probation Department - State	Shelter beds (\$29 per bed night)	\$30,000.00
Community Services Department- General Funds	Shelter Operations	Pending
Anticipated FY 2015/16 Total**		\$449,958.33

*Contracts will return to the Board at a later date ** CSD amount not known at this time

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Background:

PATH is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit corporation whose mission is to provide shelter, housing and related services to the homeless, with a goal of ending homelessness for individuals, families, and communities. PATH has been working toward this mission since 1984 and now provides housing and supportive services in 22 locations from San Diego to San Luis Obispo.

In prior years, the County has contracted with Casa Esperanza Homeless Center for homeless shelter services. Casa Esperanza has notified the County that it intends to merge with and into PATH effective June 30, 2015. PATH will thereafter begin operating residential and non-residential programs for homeless individuals in Santa Barbara. Services provided include case management, substance abuse screening, mental health counseling and referrals, health care and overnight sleeping accommodations. Various County departments, including Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Services (ADMHS), Community Services (CSD), Probation, Public Health, and Social Services, will work with PATH to provide direct services to homeless persons. In total it is estimated that the County of Santa Barbara will be providing over \$400,000 in funding to PATH in either contracting for services, direct allocation of operational support general funds or specific grant funds designated for various sheltering and/or homeless services.

FY 2015-16 PATH (Formerly Casa Esperanza) Contracts for Consideration by the Board of Supervisors at this time:

1. ADMHS – Shelter Beds for Mental Health Clients

ADMHS will administer a contract with PATH to make available 20 shelter beds for mental health clients. These beds, and the wait list for them, are managed by Crisis and Recovery Emergency Services (CARES) staff; beds are consistently full and an active wait list is in place. This contract amount shall not exceed \$171,900. Please reference Attachment B.

2. Department of Social Services - Short Term Shelter Beds for Adult Protective Services clients

PATH will provide shelter beds for short-term clients who are receiving Adult Protective Services (APS) while arrangements are made for transitional and/or permanent housing. A year round transitional shelter of up to 70 beds is available by provider referral. PATH will be reimbursed \$45 per bed night utilized per client. This contract shall not exceed \$32,850. Please reference Attachment C.

3. County Executive Offices (Human Services) – Workforce Connections Self-Employment Program

PATH will blend two evidence-based practices to meet unmet needs in helping vulnerable homeless neighbors receive the support they need to increase their skills, self-esteem, and find and retain work -- all while having a place to stay that can keep them on track as they work towards longer term goals of employment and housing. This contract shall not exceed \$80,000. Please reference Attachment D.

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4. *Public Health Department – Substance Abuse Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment Services*

PATH shall provide substance abuse screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment for clients in need of services. This contract shall not exceed \$15,000. Please reference Attachment E.

Pending Contracts:

1. County General Fund – The Board of Supervisors approved an additional Shelter Operations General Fund Grant in the amount of \$120,000.00 during the 2015 budget hearings. CEO staff will bring this contract before the Board for consideration in July 2015.

2. Probation Department - Shelter Beds for Probation Clients

PATH will provide shelter beds for Probation clients in need of services at \$29 per bed night. This contract shall not exceed \$30,000.

3. Community Services Department (CSD) – Shelter Operations and Rapid Re-Housing

The Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Shelter Operations General Fund grant allocation for the PATH Emergency Shelter will not be determined until after June 30, 2015 as it is dependent upon (1) the total amount of General Fund Contributions available for shelter operations in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and (2) the number of bed-nights provided by each of the three year-round homeless emergency shelters during Fiscal Year 2014-2015. CSD will bring this contract before the Board of Supervisors for consideration at a later date. For Fiscal Year 2015-2016, it is anticipated that PATH will make available 200 emergency shelter beds per night during the winter months (December 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016) and 30 beds per night during the non-winter months (July 1, 2015 to November 30, 2015 and April 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016) and provide at least 28,000 emergency shelter bed-nights to homeless individuals and families.

Approval of PATH (People Assisting the Homeless) as Operator of the Homeless Shelter at 816 Cacique Street, Santa Barbara:

The property at 816 Cacique Street in Santa Barbara is subject to a restricted use covenant imposed on real property for the operation of a homeless shelter and related services. Among other requirements, the covenant provides that the owner shall manage the shelter and provide the homeless shelter and related services through an entity or organization (Operator) approved by and acceptable to the County, City and [now former] Redevelopment Agency of the City of Santa Barbara. Therefore, your Board is being asked to approve and consent to PATH (People Assisting the Homeless) as the acceptable operator of the homeless shelter at 816 Cacique Street, Santa Barbara, CA, provided that Casa Esperanza Homeless Center merges with and into PATH.

Performance Measure:

Payments are provided on a reimbursement basis after contract requirements are achieved. All contracts are assigned a County contract manager who will manage and monitor all contracts according to set performance measures and performance targets found in the attached contracts under Attachment A Scope of Services. Performance assessments can also include site visits and a thorough review of

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PATH's records. The contract manager shall maintain electronic files including performance assessments.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

General Fund		\$		127,850.00
Fees				
Other:State		\$		171,900.00
Total	\$	-	\$	-
			\$	299,750.00

Key Contract Risks:

Each contract has been assigned a County contract manager for the term of the contract. All of the contracts are cost reimbursement contracts. The County will only pay for costs that are eligible under the contracts and documented in a manner that is acceptable to the County. County staff assigned to individual programs will assess performance to determine if services are adequately provided. The County will provide payment after demonstration that reimbursable services were provided. County fiscal staff completed the County auditors risk assessment worksheet after review of PATH financial documents. PATH successfully passed the assessment.

Staff is proposing that the County enter into these agreements with PATH under the assumption that the merger of Casa Esperanza Homeless Center with and into PATH will be effective June 30, 2015. The agreements provide that in the event such merger does not take effect on or within ten (10) days of June 30, 2015, the agreements shall have no force or effect.

Special Instructions:

Please email an electronic copy of the Minute Order to Susan Foley at foley@countyofsb.org . Please execute two (2) copies of the attached Agreements and send copy to Susan Foley, foley@countyofsb.org.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Update on Casa Esperanza – PATH (People Assisting the Homeless)Merger
- Attachment B: Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor (ADMHS shelter beds)
- Attachment C: Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor (DSS APS shelter beds)
- Attachment D: Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor (County Executive Office HSC)
- Attachment E: Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor (Public Health)

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