



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: July 15, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s): Jesús Armas, Community Services Director
Contact: Joe Dzvonik, Assistant Director
Lucille Boss, Housing Programs Manager
SUBJECT: Approval of: Agreements with Immigrant Legal Defense Center

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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 of the Board, pursuant to the Human Services Commission (HSC) funding recommendations approved by the Board on May 13, 2025, to execute an Agreement in the amount of \$105,000 between the County and the Santa Barbara County Immigrant Legal Defense Center (ILDC) for Immigrant Youth Legal and Support Services (HSGF Agreement) (Attachment A); and
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board, pursuant to the budget actions by the Board on June 17, 2025, to execute an Agreement in the amount of \$240,000 between the County and ILDC for Mental Health Services (CGF Agreement) (Attachment B); and
- c) Authorize the Director of the County's Community Services Department to approve and execute amendments to the HSGF Agreement and CGF Agreement to make changes to the Budgets attached thereto, provided that
 - i. such changes shall be limited to revisions to the amounts in each Budget line item or addition of new Budget line items pertinent to the Scope of Services,
 - ii. such changes shall not increase the Maximum Contract Amount, and
 - iii. the Budget as amended shall only reflect expenditures that are eligible under the applicable Agreement.

- d) Determine that the above recommended actions are not the approval of projects that are subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), finding that the actions are not projects as they are 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:

On May 13 and June 17, 2025, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved funding awards to ILDC for locally-funded programs to support the local immigrant community. Pursuant to these funding awards, the Community Services Department (CSD) has prepared the attached Agreements to be executed by the Board Chair.

Discussion:

The Board recognizes the impacts of cuts to social services, including health care to immigrants without legal status. In addition to HSC General Funds (GF) dedicated to immigrant youth legal and support services to be provided by ILDC, the Board allocated General Funds for ILDF to provide two additional therapists to provide mental health services to individuals dealing with the strain of family separation and deportation.

Background:

The Community Services Department administers Human Services Commission (HSC) funding, intended to sustain critical social service safety net programs countywide. Following the funding recommendations approved by the Board on May 13, 2025, the HSGF Agreement before the Board for approval today includes \$105,000 for youth case management for the 2025-2026 fiscal year (and 2026-2027, pending funding availability).

During the 2025-2026 budget hearings, the Board approved allocating \$240,000 for therapeutic services, for FY 2025-26, for mental health services to individuals dealing with the strain of family separation and deportation.

Performance Measures:

ILDC is required to report on the number of persons served, their income level, and other demographic information on a quarterly basis. ILDC must also provide documentation supporting expenditures of County funds and confirm cost-eligibility of expenses subject to reimbursement with County funds. Funds are allocated on cost-reimbursement basis with associated supporting documentation confirming cost-eligibility and compliance with applicable law. CSD staff will monitor the performance of ILDC.

ILDC has a track record of successfully operating publicly-funded projects in the past which have had similar regulatory and administrative requirements. The County will only reimburse ILDC for costs that are actually incurred, eligible for reimbursement under the applicable agreement, and documented in a manner acceptable to CSD.

Scope of Services: HSGF Agreement

Number Served	Goal
20	Clients will obtain Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS)
20	Clients will be provided with case management and counseling service
20	Clients will have the tools to become well adjusted, self-sufficient members of their community after processing trauma and experiencing caring support.

Scope of Services: CGF Agreement

Number Served	Goal
35	Clients will receive compassionate, trauma-informed care that allows them to process past and current trauma, build resilience, and feel supported in a safe therapeutic environment
35	Participating clients will demonstrate measurable improvements in their mental and physical health

Contract Renewals:

Consistent with past practice, the Agreements will note the CSD Director is authorized to approve and execute amendments to renew the HSC GF Agreement for FY 2026-2027, in the Director's discretion and subject to continued appropriation of funds and ILDC's satisfactory performance.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

N/A

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Source	FY 2025-26
General Fund: HSC	\$105,000
General Fund: Cannabis	\$240,000
Total	\$345,000

Staffing Impacts:

N/A

Special Instructions:

After Board action, please return the following to Lucille Boss via e-mail at LBoss@countyofsb.org:

1. Executed Agreements
2. Minute Order

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Attachments:

Attachment A – Immigrant Legal Defense Center HSC General Fund Agreement

Attachment B – Immigrant Legal Defense Center Cannabis General Fund Agreement

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