



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: Social Services
Department No.: 044
Agenda Date: August 26, 2025
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Daniel Nielson, Social Services Director
Contact: Maria Gardner, Economic Assistance and Employment Services Assistant Director
SUBJECT: **Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter for Subsidized Employment through the Joint Opportunities Building Skills Program**

Signed by:

Daniel Nielson
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County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify and authorize the Director of the Department of Social Services, or designee, to execute an Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter (local vendor) to provide subsidized employment through the Joint Opportunities Building Skills Program for a total contract amount not to exceed \$72,000 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; 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 to execute an Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter (local vendor) to provide subsidized employment through the Joint Opportunities Building Skills (JOBS) Program for a total contract amount not to exceed \$72,000 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Discussion:

The purpose of this item is to approve the continuation of the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) subsidized employment program to reimburse the Good Samaritan Shelter as an Employer of Record that provides work experience and training to CalWORKs recipients who participate in the subsidized employment program.

Background:

Assembly Bill (AB) 98 (Chapter 589, Statutes of 2007) was implemented January 1, 2008 to provide a funding source outside of the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Single Allocation to provide partial reimbursement (which is now full reimbursement) to counties with subsidized employment programs. Senate Bill (SB) 72 (Chapter 8, Statutes of 2011) was signed into law on March 24, 2011 and contained provisions to amend AB 98, designed to encourage counties to utilize this funding source to develop new subsidized employment programs or expand existing programs.

JOBS is a subsidized employment Welfare-to-Work (WTW) activity that may be assigned for selected public sector sites within County departments or other public sector, non-profit agencies. JOBS placements are limited to six months.

The primary objective of the JOBS program is to promote full self-sufficiency by providing work experience and training in subsidized employment that will lead to unsubsidized employment. The program is designed to fit within the existing WTW program under the CalWORKs program. It is designed to help WTW participants address barriers to employment, develop soft skills, gain work experience, and progress toward self-sufficiency. The goal of the subsidized employment program is to provide participants with several months of stable employment history within the public sector, which will leave them better positioned to obtain an unsubsidized job when the subsidy period ends.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Source	FY 2025-26	Total
General Fund		
State	\$ 19,020	\$ 19,020
Federal	\$ 52,980	\$ 52,980
Fees		
Total	\$ 72,000	\$ 72,000

Approval and execution of this agreement will result in expenditures of \$72,000 for Fiscal Year 2025-26. Appropriations and associated funding are included in Social Services' Economic Assistance Program Funds. This contract will be fully funded with federal and State funds. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

Special Instructions:

Please scan, email and send one (1) duplicate original Agreement, and a copy of the minute order to:
DSS Procurement and Contracts Unit
C/O Tricia Beebe
2125 S. Centerpointe Parkway, 3rd Floor
Santa Maria, CA 93455
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Attachments:

Attachment A – Agreement – Good Samaritan Shelter – JOBS Tier 2 Program

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