



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: 6/2/20
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Daniel Nielson, Social Services Director
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SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding with Sacramento County Department of Human
Services for the provision of Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the County of Santa Barbara Department of Social Services Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Sacramento County Department of Human Services, for the provision of the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants, for the period commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2025;
- b) Delegate authority to the Director of Social Services, or designee, to execute renewals of the Memorandum of Understandings for the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants in the renewal and provided that Social Services obtains concurrence from County Counsel; and
- c) Determine that the approval and execution of the MOU is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), finding that the execution of the MOU is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment, the activities are not subject to CEQA.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Social Services (DSS) and Sacramento County Department of Human Services (DHA) for the provision of Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) services. DSS recommends approving the MOU for the period commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2025.

Background:

The 1998 Budget Act Implementation Bill for Social Services (Assembly Bill 2779, Chapter 329) required a new program which authorized a state funded CAPI. California Department of Social Services established and supervised a county or multi-county consortia-administered program to provide cash assistance to certain aged, blind and disabled legal immigrants who are no longer eligible for Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) benefits solely due to the immigrant provisions of Public Law 104-193 and its amendments.

The consortium of county welfare departments, known as the North State/Orange CAPI Consortium (NSOCC), a multi-county consortium has been established to provide the mandated payments to eligible immigrants. DSS is a NSOCC member county.

DHA has responsibility for determining eligibility to the CAPI program and issuing payments, therefore, the purpose of the MOU is to: 1) establish and maintain an effective working relationship between the DHA and the DSS, and 2) provide an efficient process to secure CAPI applications, determine eligibility, make aid payments, maintain case records, and create reports for NSOCC members.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

Operation of this work will not generate any costs billable from one party to the other.

Key Contract Risks:

Section 6 and 7A of the MOU contains an indemnity provision where DSS is to indemnify, defend and hold DHA harmless, which may also include the payment of reasonable attorney's fees should DSS indemnify DHA. DHA has also imposed indemnity requirements with other county consortium members.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

0

Special Instructions:

Please scan and send two (2) minute orders to:

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Attachments:

1. MOU - DHA - CAPI 2020-2025

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