



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: February 15, 2022
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
Director(s) (805) 346-7101
Contact Info: Raymond L. McDonald, Executive Director
Workforce Development Board, (805) 681-4540
SUBJECT: Agreement with Allan Hancock Joint Community College District for Pathway Home 2 Project - Career Services, Academic and Occupational Skills Provider

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 to execute an Agreement with Allan Hancock Joint Community College District (local vendor) to provide Career Services, Academic and Occupational Skills through the Pathway Home 2 Project for a total contract amount not to exceed \$857,946 for the period of February 15, 2022 through December 31, 2024;
- b) Authorize the Director of Social Services, or designee, to reallocate the budgeted line items of the Agreement without exceeding the total contract amount; and
- c) 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 in order to approve the Agreement with Allan Hancock Joint Community College District (AHC) to provide Career Services through the Pathway Home 2 (PH2) Project for a total contract amount not to exceed \$857,946 for the period from February 15, 2022 through December 31, 2024. AHC will provide individuals, incarcerated in the local jails pre and post-release services

including in-person academic counseling, assessment and testing of basic skills, occupational skills training, job and employability skills training, life skills and paid work experience (upon release).

Background:

On January 19, 2021, the Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (DOLETA) announced the availability of grant funds authorized by the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act for ex-offender activities under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). These grants provide the opportunity to deliver reentry programming to eligible, incarcerated individuals prior to release from state correctional facilities or county or local jails and to continue comprehensive services after release. These projects are designed to eliminate the time gap between release from prison and enrollment into a reentry program leading to employment.

The Santa Barbara County Workforce Development Board (WDB), in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office applied for and was awarded \$2,499,999 to implement the PH2 project in Santa Barbara County. The program will provide 250 individuals, incarcerated in the local jails, with workforce services prior and after release; transition participants into education, employment, and training programs in the communities to which they will return.

These programs do not require cost sharing or matching funds. The \$2,499,999 federal grant that DOLETA awarded to the County of Santa Barbara allows funds to be drawn down on an as needed basis using DOLETA's Payments Management System. The terms of the grant are set forth in Notice of Award signed by the DOLETA approving official.

On August 17, 2021, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Director of the Department of Social Services (DSS) to accept the funds and to begin the process of entering into agreements with partners for the use of Pathway Home 2 Project funds.

The PH2 project will collaborate with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office, local community colleges (Allan Hancock and Santa Barbara City College), local public and non-profit organizations. Partners will be utilized to support program operations and ensure that all required services are available to all program participants. Additionally, partners will work together to ensure each of the performance outcomes, as established by DOL, are met.

PRIMARY PARTNER:

1. Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office
Santa Barbara County Mail Jail, Local
4436 Calle Real
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

OTHER PARTNERS:

2. Santa Barbara City College
3. Allan Hancock College
4. Goodwill Industries of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties
5. Community Solutions Inc.
6. Freedom 4 Youth
7. Good Samaritan Shelter

Performance Measure:

The following performance measures are added to the Agreement:

1. Meet or exceed the following goals:

Number of participants to be served	125
Number of participants to complete career readiness training	88
Number of participants to receive paid work experience	100
Number of participants to complete GED or occupational skills course	45

2. Meet DOL established performance goals:

- a. 60 percent of participants exited from the PH2 project must be in unsubsidized employment during the second quarter after exit.
- b. 55 percent of participants exited from the PH2 project must be in unsubsidized employment during the fourth quarter after exit.
- c. Participants exited from the PH2 project and in unsubsidized employment during the second quarter after exit must earn the median earnings amount of \$5,000.
- d. 65 percent of participants who, during a program year, are in an education or training activity that leads to a recognized postsecondary credential or employment and who are achieving Measurable Skill Gains (MSG), defined as documented academic, technical, occupational, or other forms of progress, towards such a credential or employment.
 - i. Depending on the type of education or training activity, participants must meet one of the following in order to count towards the MSG performance:
 1. Documented achievement of at least one educational functioning level of a participant who is receiving instruction below the postsecondary education level;
 2. Documented attainment of a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent;
 3. Secondary or postsecondary transcript or report card for a sufficient number of credit hours that shows a participant is meeting the State unit's academic standards;
 4. Satisfactory or better progress report, towards established milestones, such as completion of on-the-job training or completion of one year of an apprenticeship program or similar milestones, from an employer or training provider who is providing training; or
 5. Successful passage of an exam that is required for a particular occupation or progress in attaining technical or occupational skills as evidenced by trade-related benchmarks such as knowledge-based exams.
- e. 60 percent of those participants enrolled in an education or training activity (excluding

those in on-the-job training and customized training) must attain a recognized postsecondary credential, a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent, or an industry-recognized credential during participation in or within one year after exit from the PH2 project. A participant who has attained a secondary school diploma or its equivalent is included in the credential attainment rate, only if the participant is also employed or is enrolled in an education or training program leading to a recognized postsecondary credential within one year after exit from the program.

- f. 25 percent or less recidivism, defined as the percentage of participants who were in or returning from an adult correctional facility prior to enrolling in the program and have been convicted of a new criminal offense committed within 12 months of their release from the correctional facility. COUNTY will be measuring this performance indicator until the end of the grant period.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes **Fiscal Analysis:**

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 2021-2022</u>	<u>FY 2022-2023</u>	<u>FY 2023-2024</u>	<u>Total Contract Cost</u>
General Fund				
State				
Federal	\$ 269,617.00	\$ 316,356.00	\$ 271,974.00	\$ 857,947.00
Fees				
Other:				
Total	\$ 269,617.00	\$ 316,356.00	\$ 271,974.00	\$ 857,947.00

Narrative:

The WDB has received federal funds in the amount of \$2,500,000 through DOLETA this Fiscal Year (FY) for the PH2 Grant which includes multiple contracts with various vendors. The full contract amount for specifically AHC is \$857,946. Of the full contract amount to AHC, the FY 2021/2022 amount is \$269,617. Contract amounts associated with FY 2022/2023 is \$316,356 and FY 2023/2024 is \$271,974 and will be included in DSS’ budgets on an ongoing yearly basis. There is no impact to General Fund.

Key Contract Risks:

The risk assessment worksheet has been completed and DSS has determined that AHC is a high risk vendor. AHC is insured for General and Professional Liability.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
0

FTEs:
0

Special Instructions:

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

Email: TBeebe@countyofsb.org

Attachments:

1. Attachment 1 – Agreement – AHC – PH2

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