



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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**Department Name:** Community Services  
**Department No.:** 057  
**For Agenda Of:** June 22, 2021  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department George Chapjian, Community Services Director (805)568-2467  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Dinah Lockhart, Deputy Director (805)568-3523  
**SUBJECT:** Approval of Sub-Recipient Agreement and Amendments for Emergency Solutions Grant, Coronavirus Round 2 (ESG-CV2) funding for COVID-19 Homelessness Response

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: YES

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: YES

**Risk Concurrence:**

As to form: YES

**Recommended Actions:** That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute amendments and agreement using Emergency Solutions Grant, Coronavirus Round 2 (ESG-CV2) funds allocated through the State of California for continued COVID-19 homelessness response for the following existing and proposed sub-recipients:
  - a. \$195,018 in additional funds as an amendment to the Good Samaritan Shelter Emergency Solutions Grant, Coronavirus Round 2 for Rapid Rehousing;
  - b. \$195,018 in additional funds as an amendment to the New Beginnings Counseling Center Emergency Solution Grant, Coronavirus Round 2 for Rapid Rehousing;
  - c. \$195,017 in new Emergency Solution Grant, Coronavirus Round 2 to PATH Santa Barbara for Rapid Rehousing.
- b) Determine that the recommended actions are not the acceptance and approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), finding that the project is a 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 physical impact on the environment.

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**Summary Text:**

The County Community Services Department (CSD) developed a local selection process to identify qualified service providers to conduct ESG-CV eligible activities. Based on the allocation of \$6,119,469, approximately 3.2%, or \$197,400 was retained by the County for grant administration, \$59,221 was retained by the county for HMIS administration, and the balance of \$5,862,848 was made available to qualified service providers. These allocations and subrecipients agreement were approved and ratified by the Board of Supervisors on February 9, 2021.

Of the \$5,862,848 in ESG-CV funding, \$977,852 was awarded to the County Behavioral Wellness Department for the administration of a Rapid Rehousing program. However, upon further consideration, BeWell elected to return the funds to the Community Services Department (CSD) before a Memorandum of Understanding was executed.

On June 15, 2021 the Board of Supervisors approved \$392,800 of the returned ESG-CV2 funds for operations for a new shelter in Isla Vista. CSD is requesting authorization to reallocate the remaining \$585,052 in ESG-CV2 funds to established Rapid Rehousing projects throughout the County to transition persons out of homelessness into housing. CSD seeks approval from the Board of Supervisors to approve and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute one new subrecipient agreement and two amendments to existing ESG-CV2 subrecipient agreements using Emergency Solutions Grant, Coronavirus Round 2 (ESG-CV2) to the providers in the amounts outlined in Table 1.

**Table 1: ESG-CV2 Proposed Funding Reallocation**

Provider	Activity	Detail (lists are not exhaustive)	Original Contract Amount	Proposed Amendment /New Contract Amount	Total ESG-CV2 Contract Amount
Good Samaritan Shelter	Rapid Rehousing	Housing location and case management services, rental and financial assistance, and landlord incentives.	\$440,350	\$195,018	\$635,368
PATH Santa Barbara	Rapid Rehousing	Housing location and case management services, rental and financial assistance, and landlord incentives.	N/A	\$195,017	\$195,017
New Beginnings Counseling Center	Rapid Rehousing	Housing location and case management services, rental and financial assistance, and landlord incentives for Room Key guests.	\$200,000	\$195,017	\$395,018
Total ESG-CV2 Rapid Rehousing				\$585,052	\$1,225,403
Good Samaritan Shelter*	Emergency Shelter*	Isla Vista Emergency Shelter/Navigation Center*	N/A	\$392,800*	\$392,800*
Total ESG-CV2 Contract Amounts				\$977,852	\$1,618,203

\*This Emergency Shelter amount was approved during the June 15, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting and is provided for informational purposes only. It is not part of this action.

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**Background:**

The County of Santa Barbara serves as the Administrative Entity (AE) for the Continuum of Care (CoC) service area. As AE, the County is responsible for the administration of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds on behalf of the CoC. Under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stimulus (CARES) Act enacted by Congress on March 27, 2020, the State of California was awarded approximately \$253 million in federal funds for the ESG-CV2 Program. The goal of the program is to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus among individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or receiving homeless assistance; and, to support additional homeless assistance and homeless prevention activities to mitigate the impacts created by coronavirus.

On October 20, 2020 the County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution authorizing the Community Services Director or designee to submit a funding application for ESG-CV2 and the acceptance and administration of funds under the State ESG-CV2 program to address urgent needs in support of the County of Santa Barbara’s response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The State encouraged local communities to use the bulk of funds for Rapid Rehousing and has directed jurisdictions to prioritize the use of ESG-CV2 funds for Rapid Rehousing to assist households experiencing literal homelessness move to the safest location possible—housing. By reallocating Rapid Rehousing funds to seasoned Rapid Rehousing providers, it is anticipated that the length of time individuals and families experience homelessness or in live in congregate or non-congregate shelters will be decreased.

**Performance Measure:**

The subrecipients will provide quarterly reports to the County on services provided and the outcomes, or performance measures, which have been outlined in their respective scopes of work.

	<b>Goal</b>
Total unduplicated number of persons served	114
Total unduplicated number of households served	80
Number of participants will move into permanent housing at project exit	92

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

General Fund		
State	\$	585,052.50
Federal		
Fees		
Other:		
Total	\$	585,052.50

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Narrative: These ESG-CV2 Act funds will be used to move people experiencing homelessness into permanent housing. They will be fully expended on or before June 30, 2022. The state does allow for the expenditure of funds prior to the execution of agreements.

**Key Contract Risks:**

The County assumes responsibility for the administration of ESG-CV2 funds in accordance with all state and federal requirements governing their use. In addition, it would be held liable if it or any provider to which it sub-grants funds is found to be non-compliant with applicable requirements. Good Samaritan Shelter, New Beginnings Counseling Center, and PATH Santa Barbara have all successfully operated State and/or federally-funded homeless assistance projects in the past which have had similar regulatory and administrative requirements.

The ESG-CV2 Sub-recipient Agreements are cost-reimbursement contracts. This allows CSD/HCD to disburse funds to the aforementioned Sub-recipients for eligible incurred costs to the extent prescribed by the Agreement. The County will only reimburse Sub-recipients for costs that are eligible under the Agreements and documented in a manner that is acceptable to the CSD/HCD. CSD/HCD staff will assess the performance of the sub-recipients to determine if the services provided are adequate and as outline in the Agreement.

**Special Instructions:**

- 1) Please email an electronic copy of the Minute Order to Dinah Lockhart at [dlockhart@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:dlockhart@co.santa-barbara.ca.us).
- 2) Please execute three (3) originals of each Sub-recipient Agreement and return two (2) originals to Dinah Lockhart (x3523).

**Attachments:**

- A) Emergency Solutions Grant, Coronavirus Round 2 Sub-recipient Agreement for Good Samaritan Shelter Rapid Rehousing Program;
- B) Emergency Solutions Grant, Coronavirus Round 2 Amendment 1 to Sub-recipient Agreement for Good Samaritan Shelter Rapid Rehousing Program;
- C) Emergency Solutions Grant, Coronavirus Round 2 Sub-recipient Agreement for New Beginnings Counseling Center Rapid Rehousing Program;

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- D) Emergency Solutions Grant, Coronavirus Round 2 Amendment 1 to Sub-recipient Agreement for New Beginnings Counseling Center Rapid Rehousing Program;
- E) Emergency Solutions Grant, Coronavirus Round 2 Sub-recipient Agreement for PATH Santa Barbara Rapid Rehousing Program

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**CC:**