



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Behavioral Wellness
Department No.: 043
For Agenda Of: November 5, 2019
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Alice Gleghorn, PhD (Director)
Director(s) Behavioral Wellness, 805-681-5220
Contact Info: Lindsay Walter, Deputy Director

SUBJECT: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program - Personnel
Resolution FY 19-20

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence Human Resources

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Adopt the attached Salary Resolution effective November 18, 2019 to add two (2) 1.0 FTE Behavioral Wellness Mental Health Practitioner I/II Intern positions; and
- B. Determine that the above action is not a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), as it is the creation of a government funding mechanism or other government fiscal activity, which does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to request that the Board approve the addition of Mental Health personnel who will aid in the implementation of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (hereafter "Edward Byrne Grant"). In September 2018, the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office partnered with Behavioral Wellness (BeWell) to pilot the county's first law enforcement mental health co-response team. The Sheriff's Office received approval on October 15, 2019 from the Board of Supervisors to accept the Edward Byrne Grant of \$2,145,000 for the 3-year grant time period, allocating \$715,000 per year. This grant establishes expanded co-response services in the County. This grant will fund two BeWell mobile crisis positions. Approval of the recommended actions will create two mental health co-response personnel positions in BeWell.

Background:

Mental health crisis calls are on the rise, and law enforcement is typically the first resource to arrive on scene. According to data gathered by Dispatch, the Sheriff’s Office averages between 5-8 mental health crisis calls per day. These calls for service average nearly two to three times as long as non-mental health calls. The Sheriff’s office and BeWell partnered to pilot co-response in Santa Barbara County and will be expanding these services with the Edward Byrne Grant over a three year period from October 1, 2019 through December 31, 2022.

The goals of co-response include quicker evaluations of community members following a contact to law enforcement, diversion for mentally ill individuals from jail when safe and appropriate, and enhanced treatment services in lieu of criminal justice involvement. This grant will fund two BeWell mobile crisis positions along with two CIT deputy positions, a vehicle for the team(s) to utilize, a fund for training, and funds for contracted data management through University of California, Santa Barbara.

The Board of Supervisors authorized the Sheriff to sign the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Edward Byrne Grant Agreement on October 15, 2019 and established the budget appropriation for both the Sheriff and BeWell. Approval of the recommended actions will allocate two 1.0 FTE Mental Health Practitioner I/II Interns positions.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

| <u>Funding Sources</u> | <u>FY 19-20 Cost:</u> | <u>FY 20-21</u> | <u>FY 21-22</u> | <u>Total Project Cost FY 19-22</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---|
| General Fund | | | | |
| State | \$247,200 | \$247,200 | \$247,200 | \$741,600 |
| Federal | | | | |
| Fees | | | | |
| Other: | | | | |
| Total | \$ 247,200.00 | \$247,200 | \$247,200 | \$ 741,600.00 |

Narrative: These positions are appropriated in the BeWell Mental Health Service Act. Funding for the positions will be funded by the Byrne Grant through an annually increase in appropriations of \$247,200 in the BeWell MHSA Fund for Salaries and Benefits funded by an operating transfer from the Sheriff General Fund budget.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

Add 2 new

FTEs:

Add 2.0

Special Instructions:

Please email one (1) copy of the executed Resolution and one (1) minute order to Lindsay Walter at lwalter@co.santa-barbara.ca.us and bwelcontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Please also send one (1) copy of the minute order and fully-executed Salary Resolution to Stefan Brewer, Workforce Planning Division, Human Resources Department at SBrewer@SBcountyhr.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Personnel Salary Resolution

Attachment B: BSCC JAG Grant FY 19-22

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