

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: March 1, 2022

Placement: Administrative

Estimated Time:

 $\text{Continued Item:} \qquad N_0$

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) 681-4453

SUBJECT: Agreements for Pathway Home 2 Project

County Counsel Concurrence

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with Goodwill Industries of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties (local vendor) to provide services as the Pathway Home 2 Project Operator for a total contract amount not to exceed \$239,630 for the period of March 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024;
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter (local vendor) to provide Shelter and Housing Services through the Pathway Home 2 Project for a total contract amount not to exceed \$20,000 for the period of March 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024;
- Authorize the Director of Social Services, or designee, to reallocate the budgeted line items of the Agreement with Goodwill Industries of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties without exceeding the total contract amount; and
- d) 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 following Agreements for the Pathway Home 2 (PH2) Project for the period from March 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024:

- 1. Goodwill Industries of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties(Goodwill) to provide services as the Pathway Home 2 Project Operator for a total contract amount not to exceed \$239,630; and
- 2. Good Samaritan Shelter to provide Shelter and Housing Services for a total contract amount not to exceed \$20,000.

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, county or local jails and to continue comprehensive services after release. These projects are designed to eliminate the time gap between release from jail 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 project 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 the 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:

 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 each Agreement:

1. Goodwill Agreement:

a. Meet or exceed the following goals:

Number of participants to be enrolled	250			
Number of participants to be co-enrolled into WIOA or other				
Special Projects				
Number of participants to complete career readiness training	175			
Number of participants to be placed by CONTRACTOR in work				
experience in South County				
Number of participants to complete GED or vocational training				
certificate				

^{*}A total of 200 participants will be receiving work experience countywide. 100 participants to be placed by CONTRACTOR in South County. 100 to be placed by Allan Hancock College in North County.

b. Meet DOL established performance goals:

- i. 60 percent of participants exited from the PH2 project must be in unsubsidized employment during the second quarter after exit.
- ii. 55 percent of participants exited from the PH2 project must be in unsubsidized employment during the fourth quarter after exit.
- iii. 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.
- iv. 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.
 - 1. Depending on the type of education or training activity, participants must meet one of the following in order to count towards the MSG performance:
 - a. Documented achievement of at least one educational functioning level of a participant who is receiving instruction below the postsecondary education level;
 - b. Documented attainment of a secondary school diploma or its

- recognized equivalent;
- 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;
- d. 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
- e. 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.
- v. 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.
- vi. Enrollment Rate: The number of participants enrolled in the PH2 project divided by the enrollment goal (of 250).
- vii. 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.

2. Good Samaritan Shelter Agreement:

a. Provide shelter services to participants as budget allows.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes **Fiscal Analysis:**

<u>Funding Sources</u>	FY 2021- 2022		FY 2022- 2023		FY 2023- 2024		FY 2024- 2025	Total Contract Cost	
General Fund									
State									
Federal Good Samaritan	\$	5,000.00	\$	10,000.00	\$	5,000.00		\$	20,000.00
Federal Goodwill	\$	45,726.00	\$	100,952.00	\$	53,226.00	\$ 39,726.00	\$	239,630.00

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Fees

Other:

Total \$ 50,726.00 \$ 110,952.00 \$ 58,226.00 \$ 39,726.00 \$ 259,630.00

Narrative:

DOLETA awarded WDB Federal funds in the amount of \$2,499,999 for the period of March 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024 for the PH2 Grant. This funding includes multiple contracts with various vendors. The full contract amount for specifically Good Samaritan Shelter and Goodwill is \$259,630.00. Of the full contract amount the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021/2022 budget for Good Samaritan Shelter is \$5,000 and Goodwill \$45,726.00 for a FY total of \$50,726.00. Contract amounts associated with FY 2022/2023 are \$110,952.00, FY 2023/2024 are \$58,226.00 and FY 2024/2025 are \$39,726.00. There is no impact to General Fund.

Key Contract Risks:

The risk assessment worksheets have been completed for each vendor and DSS has determined the following:

- a. Goodwill is a medium risk vendor.
- b. Good Samaritan Shelter is a medium risk vendor.

Each vendor is insured for General and Professional Liability. The County has experience with Goodwill and Good Samaritan Shelter and is confident of their ability to provide services.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

Special Instructions:

Please scan, email and send one (1) duplicate original of each 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

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Attachments:

- 1. Attachment 2 Agreement Goodwill PH2
- 2. Attachment 3 Agreement Good Samaritan Shelter PH2

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