



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** Public Health  
**Department No.:** 041  
**For Agenda Of:** May 04, 2021  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** 4/5ths

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PhD, Director  
Director(s) Public Health Department  
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**SUBJECT:** **Second Amendment to the Family Service Agency Agreement: Housing for the Harvest Program expansion and Latinx and Migrant COVID-19 Task Force and Language Justice Project**

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**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 consider the following recommendations:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute the Second Amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Family Service Agency (FSA) (a local vendor) to update the Scope of Work for the Housing for the Harvest program to add expanded COVID-19 support services. The Second Amendment increases funding by \$186,476 for a revised total amount not to exceed \$1,293,376. There is no change to the period of performances or to the Scope of Work for the for the Latinx and Migrant COVID-19 Task Force; and
- b) Receive and file an executed Memorandum of Understanding between the County Public Health Department and the County Department of Social Services that establishes a collaboration to address the Housing for the Harvest program expansion, and for the Department of Social Services to serve as a pass-through of funding to the Public Health Department; and
- c) Approve and authorize Budget Revision BJE #0007500 in the amount of \$775,300 to increase appropriations in the Public Health Department Health Care Fund, funded through new funding provided by the California Department of Social Services and passed through the County Department of Social Services, for an expansion of the Housing for the Harvest program; and

- d) Determine that the above recommended actions are not a “Project” within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines, since they consist of the creation of governmental 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.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on your Board’s agenda to execute this Second Amendment for Services with Family Service Agency (FSA) to update the Scope of Services in the Agreement for the provision of operational support, wraparound services, transportation, and other services to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (Attachment A). Farm and food processing workers play an essential role in maintaining our food supply, but some who need to self-isolate find it difficult to do so due to their housing situation. Under this Agreement, the FSA assists the County with the Housing for the Harvest expansion program to provide emergency temporary isolation or quarantine to certain farm and food processing employees so that they can safely self-isolate either at home or in motels when needed to reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19 to other household, family, and community members. The Latinx & Indigenous Migrant COVID-19 Response Task Force and Language Justice project was formed as a rapid response body to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, working to reach and support this community. The Latinx & Indigenous Migrant COVID-19 Response Task Force works in conjunction with additional community groups to provide essential services to protect and support some of Santa Barbara County’s most vulnerable community members from the urgent threat of the coronavirus pandemic.

**Background:**

The Housing for the Harvest program expansion offers temporary hotel housing or at home support to agricultural workers who need to isolate due to COVID-19. It helps positive or exposed workers protect their loved ones and coworkers by giving them a separate motel space to self-isolate to better contain the spread of the disease or allows them supports for isolating at home, should they prefer.

Participants in the Housing for the Harvest program expansion are people who: 1) work in California food processing or agriculture; and, 2) meet FEMA non-congregate sheltering criteria for COVID-19 (i.e., have tested positive, or have been exposed as documented by a public health official or medical health professional). Under this program expansion, the State not only provides hotel rooms in Carpinteria, Lompoc, and Santa Maria for workers who need to self-isolate for up to 14 days, but will provide some reimbursement for the wraparound costs of food, transportation, laundry, wellness checks, and other services. This has made new funding available for this program, which was originally going to be funded with local dollars and submitted for FEMA cost recovery. With these new dollars, A Budget Revision request is necessary to shift funding from local/federal to State general fund dollars from the State Department of Social Services. In addition, funding is now available for financial incentives for those who qualify to take advantage of the program. The following chart details the State reimbursement:

Place of Isolation and Quarantine	Wraparound Payment Maximum	Financial Incentive
State Motel	\$750.00	\$1,000.00
At Home	\$650.00	\$500,00

The Latinx & Indigenous Migrant COVID-19 Task Force, working in conjunction with additional community groups, provides essential services to protect and support some of Santa Barbara County’s most vulnerable community members from the urgent threat of the coronavirus pandemic.

Specifically, this agreement supports critical outreach and support as well as Language Justice efforts. This work provides this vulnerable population with information and support, to reduce their risk of infection and help them to cope with the physical, emotional, and economic impacts of the pandemic.

**Performance Measure:**

Throughout the term of this agreement, the Family Service Agency will conduct 1:1 interactions with migrant an immigrant residents as well as farm and food processing workers to provide operational support, engagement, wraparound services, financial incentives, and outreach services to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Funding for the \$1,293,376 (\$335,200 for Housing for the Harvest base program; \$845,576 for the Housing for the Harvest expansion program; and, \$112,800 for Latinx and Migrant COVID-19 Task Force and Language Justice Project) will be provided from the Public Health Department’s Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) enhancing detection allocation from the federal Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act HR 266 in the amount of \$518,083, and from the State Department of Social Services (passed through the County Department of Social Services) in the amount of \$775,293.

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>FY 21/22 Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund			
State	\$ 775,293.00		
Federal: ELC Funds	\$ 518,083.00		
Fees			
Other			
Total	\$ 1,293,376.00		

**Key Contract Risks:**

Family Service Agency has been serving Santa Barbara County since 1899. Since its merger with Santa Maria Valley Youth & Family Center in 2017, and The Little House By The Park in 2019, FSA serves Santa Barbara County with program sites in Santa Barbara, Lompoc, Carpinteria, Santa Maria and Guadalupe. Additionally, the County’s standard insurance and indemnity for professional contracts clauses are incorporated into the Agreement as Exhibit C and the Agreement can be terminated for convenience.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

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**FTEs:**

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**Special Instructions:**

Please execute two (2) original Second Amendments with Family Service Agency and retain one (1) original Second Amendment and one (1) Minute Order for pick up by the department. Please email the PHD Contracts Unit at [Kelly.Lazarus@sbcphd.org](mailto:Kelly.Lazarus@sbcphd.org) when available for pick up.

**Attachments:**

- A. Second Amendment to the Family Service Agency Agreement FY 20-21
- B. First Amendment to the Family Service Agency Agreement FY 20-21
- C. Family Service Agency Agreement FY 20-21
- D. MOU between PHD and DSS for the Housing for the Harvest Program
- E. Budget Revision Request BJE # 0007500

**Authored by:**

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