



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: August 30, 2022
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Agreement with Town & Country Inn for Non-Congregate Isolation Sheltering

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 an Agreement between the County of Santa Barbara and the Town & Country Inn located in Northern Santa Barbara County for use as non-congregate isolation sheltering for individuals with infectious diseases of Public Health concern for an amount not to exceed \$300,000, inclusive of \$122,300 authorized via payment cards during FY21-22, and \$177,700 for FY22-23 with a period of performance from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023; and
- b) Determine that the recommended action is not a "Project" that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), because 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; and that the action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Guidelines Section 15269(c) as it consists of specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda for your Board to approve, ratify and execute an Agreement with the Town & Country Inn to provide non-congregate isolation sheltering for individuals with infectious diseases of Public Health concern.

Background: On March 12, 2020, the Board of Supervisors declared a local emergency proclamation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of the County’s response to stop the spread of the Coronavirus, the Public Health Department (PHD) utilized Town & Country Inn, and other Santa Barbara County hotels/motels, to provide non-congregate sheltering for isolation of persons either under investigation for COVID-19, or those that have tested positive for COVID-19.

Historically, PHD has utilized non-congregate isolation sheltering to address infectious diseases of a Public Health concern (e.g., Tuberculosis, Human Immunodeficiency Virus, etc.). During the COVID-19 pandemic response providing non-congregate isolation sheltering for individuals that test positive for COVID-19 has been a well-established tool to reduce the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in congregate shelters and amongst people experiencing homelessness.

While the Town & Country Inn is under the same ownership as the Holiday Motel, because federal funds are used for securing rooms, it is prudent that the required approvals are in place for any prior and continued use of the motel for isolation of COVID-19 positive individuals.

Thus, the request is for your Board to approve, ratify, and execute an Agreement with Town & Country Inn to ratify the provision of non-congregate sheltering as part of the County’s COVID-19 response and mitigation efforts.

The approval, ratification, and execution of this agreement is necessary in order for the County to have continued use of the Town & Country Inn for isolation facilities as payments are projected to exceed the threshold amount of \$200,000 and now require Board authorization for continued payment and use.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

| <u>Funding Sources</u> | <u>FY 21-22:</u> | <u>FY 22-23</u> | | <u>Total Anticipated</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | <u>Annualized</u> | <u>On-going</u> | <u>Cost through</u> |
| | | | <u>Cost:</u> | <u>6/30/2023</u> |
| General Fund | | | | |
| State | | | | |
| Federal | \$ 122,300 | \$ 177,700 | \$ | 300,000 |
| Total | \$ 122,300 | \$ 177,700 | \$ | 300,000 |

Based on incurred and projected use as non-congregate sheltering, it is anticipated that the Public Health Department may expend up to \$300,000 for the Town & Country Inn through June 30, 2023. The estimated costs as of July 2022 through June 2023 are included in the Public Health Department's Budget for FY 2022-2023.

Costs associated with this Agreement will be funded through federal stimulus act funds received from the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Enhancing Detection and Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Enhancing Detection Expansion grants made available through the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act HR 266 and Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021, P.L. 116-260.

This program is supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of a financial assistance award described above. The contents of this Board Letter are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement, by CDC/HHS, or the U.S. Government.

Key Contract Risks

This Agreement is considered low risk because Contractor has a long-standing relationship with County and the Agreement may be terminated at the County's convenience.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions:

Please execute two (2) original Town & Country Inn Agreements and retain one (1) original Agreement and one (1) Minute Order for pick-up by the department. Please email the PHD Contracts Unit at PHDGROUPContractsUnit@sbcphd.org when available for pickup.

Attachments:

- A. Agreement with Town & Country Inn

Authored by:

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