



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

**Agenda Number:**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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**Department Name:** County Executive Office and Behavioral Wellness  
**Department No.:** 012 & 043  
**For Agenda Of:** April 20, 2021  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** 4/5

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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**SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness – Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program Grant Award, Fiscal Year 2020–21**

**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Adopt a Resolution, as required by the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC), approving, ratifying, and authorizing the County Executive Officer, or designee, on behalf of the County to submit a Grant Proposal for Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program funding and execute a Grant Agreement with the BSCC accepting the CESF grant award in the amount of \$571,122.87 for the period of March 31, 2021, through January 31, 2022, and any amendments thereof (Attachment A);
- B. Approve and authorize the County Executive Officer, or designee, to execute on behalf of the County a Grant Agreement with BSCC accepting the CESF grant award in the amount of \$571,122.87 for the period of March 31, 2021, through January 31, 2022, (Attachment B);
- C. Direct the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness to return to the Board if subsequent amendments to the Grant Agreement with BSCC are required;

- D. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness, or designee, to act on behalf of the County in the implementation of the CESF Program, subject to the Board's ability to modify or rescind this delegated authority at any time;
- E. Approve Budget Revision Request (BJE #0007448) for FY 20-21, increasing appropriations of \$171,337 in the Behavioral Wellness Department Mental Health Services Act Fund for Services and Supplies, funded by unanticipated revenue from the CESF grant award; and
- F. Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities or funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment and are therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines.

**Summary Text:**

The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) has awarded Santa Barbara County Behavioral Wellness a Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program grant in the amount of \$571,122.87. Funds will be used to ensure that individuals who are eligible for Behavioral Wellness services are expeditiously connected with behavioral and housing services upon release from incarceration. The grant funding term is March 31, 2021 to January 31, 2022.

This item is on the Board's agenda to request approval to adopt the CESF Resolution as required by BSCC and approve, ratify, and authorize the BWell Director to accept the grant award of \$571,122.87, execute the Grant Agreement in a form substantially similar to the sample agreement in Attachment B and subsequent amendments to the Grant Agreement or other documents related to the CESF grant award, subject to the Board's ability to rescind this delegated authority. Prior to exercising this delegated authority, the BeWell director will obtain the concurrence of Risk Management, County Counsel, and the Auditor-Controller. To fulfill grant award Program requirements, BWell will return to the Board for approval of amendment to subcontractor Good Samaritan.

**Background:**

The Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program is administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) to fund approaches that prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. Funds awarded under the CESF Program must be utilized to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus with a focus on meeting CESF re-entry related needs.

The state CESF Program allocation is \$58,518,568. On July 16, 2020, the BSCC awarded \$15,000,000 in funding to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to help expedite the emergency housing needs of people being released from state prisons. After accounting for grant administrative costs<sup>1</sup>, a total of \$41,763,011 is available to California Counties to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. The \$41,763,011 CESF award is divided by the county's population and the resulting number is the amount per person that should be allocated (approximately \$1.93). Santa Barbara County is receiving funds in the amount of \$571,122.87.

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<sup>1</sup> Three percent of the award has been retained for administrative purposes

Counties must pass-through at least 20% of the CESF funds to non-governmental community-based organizations impacted by coronavirus and providing services in the County. Behavioral Wellness will partner with Good Samaritan to provide services to individuals who are released from incarceration for a total of \$235,014.64, 41% of total funding.

Behavioral Wellness has designed a project, Santa Barbara County Community Re-Entry Support Team (CREST), to meet the unique needs of individuals who are involved in the justice system and will support existing, effective diversion activities while decreasing the risk of COVID-19 exposure for clients, healthcare and justice system providers and the community. Behavioral Wellness will partner with Good Samaritan to provide the following services:

- **Discharge Planning:** Discharge planning staff will ensure that individuals who have been released from jail, or have been cited and released, are assessed and connected to appropriate Behavioral Wellness services, probation and housing services. Services will include screening for necessary levels of care, linkages to services, collaborating with Navigators for housing needs, and coordination with probation.
- **Transportation.** Funding will support dedicated staff who will provide transportation from/to the appropriate diversion treatment, such as the stabilization center or Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) where they can receive immediate intervention. Vehicles will be leased and custom fitted with partitions to protect staff from possible COVID-19 exposure.
- **Navigation.** Temporary housing is a critical need for medically vulnerable individuals. Resources, such as hotel rooms, provide a safe alternative to congregate living, which increases the risk of contraction of the virus. Navigation services are critical when connecting individuals to emergency, temporary or longer-term housing, and identifying appropriate levels of mental health and/or substance abuse services.
- **Linkage to Services:** The stabilization center follows the Zero Bail order and allows individuals coming directly from the jail to receive behavioral health screening and provide support while they await admission to appropriate levels of care, including housing needs. Clients will receive rapid testing to ensure they are COVID-19 negative and are eligible to access necessary treatment and housing resources. Clients will also receive pre-paid cell phones or tablets to support telehealth options for follow up care and/or virtual probation visits.

Programming will be supported by the Grant Oversight Committee and the Operations Subcommittees, which will meet every month to ensure services are being delivered effectively and efficiently and can address challenges in a timely manner. The Grant Oversight Committee has representation from Behavioral Wellness, the County Executive Office, law enforcement, Public Defender's Office, Probation and community-based organizations. The Operations Subcommittee will bring together stakeholders from Behavioral Wellness, Good Samaritan Shelter, law enforcement, the County Executive Office and law enforcement to ensure day-to-day implementation of the CREST program has the resources necessary to be successfully implemented. We anticipate both teams will be adjusted to ensure all stakeholders have a voice in grant programming.

Per the grant agreement, following the end of the grant period, County will be required to pay for the cost of an audit through the use of non-federal funds. This can be included in the County Single Audit Federal report.

**Performance Measure:****Progress Reports**

Grant award recipients are required to submit progress reports to the BSCC. Progress reports are a critical element in BSCC's monitoring and oversight process. Goals for the program are:

- Provide Navigation services for soon to be released inmates connecting them to Behavioral Wellness services, probation, public defender, housing, and other community services.
- Provide inmates with Discharge Planning to identify resources they may need prior to being released.
- Transport clients from jail to appropriate, designated services sites, including Behavioral Wellness treatment facilities, probation, public defender, housing resources, and/or other services as needed.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Budget Revision #0007448 is requested for approval to establish FY 20-21 funding.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Funding Sources	FY 20-21 Costs:	FY 21-22 Costs:	Total One Time Project Costs FY20 -22:
General Fund			
State			\$ -
Federal			\$ -
Fees			\$ -
Other-Grant:	\$ 171,336.85	\$399,785.98	\$ 571,122.83
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 171,336.85</b>	<b>\$399,785.98</b>	<b>\$ 571,122.83</b>

Narrative: This Board letter seeks authorization for the Director of Behavioral Wellness to sign a resolution with the Board of State and Community Corrections for Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding grant in the amount of \$571,122.87 for the period of 3/31/2021 through 1/31/2022. Existing BWell staff will be assigned to this grant and CREDO47 buildings will be used, resulting in no fiscal and facilities impacts.

**Staffing Impacts:**

Health Care Coordinator: 1.0 FTE - \$129,649.56

Sheriff Deputy overtime: 736 hours at \$100/hour - \$73,600.00

Program Manager: 0.05 FTE - \$7,969.03

**Key Contract Risks:**

The grant Agreement includes a budget contingency clause which absolves BSCC from liability to pay funds or other consideration under the Agreement if funds are not budgeted for the program in which case the County may cease providing services under the Agreement and the Agreement shall no longer be in

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full force and effect. Payment provisions state that any unspent funds remaining at the end of the agreement term, must be returned to the BSCC within 30 days of the end of the grant agreement. The grant agreement imposes procedural and reporting requirements implemented by Behavioral Wellness that could be subject to audit by the State in the future. The grant agreement imposes indemnity obligations to the State as well.

**Special Instructions:**

Please return one (1) Minute Order to [abello@sbcbswell.org](mailto:abello@sbcbswell.org) and to [bwelcontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:bwelcontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us).

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: CESF Grant Resolution

Attachment B: CESF Grant Agreement County of Santa Barbara

Attachment C: CESF Grant Application

Attachment D: Notice from BSCC of Technical Award Pending Resolution

Attachment E: BJE#0007448

**Authored by:**

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