

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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Department Name: Probation

Department/Community

Services Department

Department No.: 022/057

For Agenda Of: June 18, 2024
Placement: Administrative

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter for Transitional Supportive Housing

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 a Subrecipient Agreement (Agreement) funded through State Public Safety Realignment funding with Good Samaritan Shelter to provide transitional supportive housing for a total contract amount not to exceed \$400,000 from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025; and
- b) Determine that the above recommended actions are not the approval of a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(4), since the recommended actions are government fiscal activities which do not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

Staff is requesting that the Board approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Subrecipient Agreement (Attachment A) with Good Samaritan Shelter (GSS) for \$400,000 funded by State Public Safety Realignment Act funding from the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP). GSS is recommended to receive funding for 20 beds of transitional supportive housing in three locations. GSS provided supportive

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housing at these locations for justice-involved individuals under the supervision of the Probation Department since May 1, 2019. The Agreement has a one-year term of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

Background:

On May 16, 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved the Public Safety Realignment budget with an allocation of \$400,000 for transitional housing with supportive services for justice-involved individuals. On April 19, 2022, a Notice of Funding Availability was released by the Community Services Department (CSD). Two applications were received: one from GSS and one from the Salvation Army. GSS was selected for funding during the 2022 review process based on past performance and the availability of beds in a house-like setting as compared to a dormitory model.

The target population for the supportive housing project includes post-adjudicated, justice-involved individuals under community supervision by the Probation Department that are medium- to high-risk to recidivate and are exiting jail or prison without natural supports and are ineligible for other types of subsidized housing. Additionally, these individuals may present with some vulnerability such as mental health concerns but do not qualify for housing options through the Department of Behavioral Wellness; this includes those with significant substance abuse challenges. This population will likely be unserved by other housing resources because of ineligibility due to length of incarceration and conviction history.

Table 1: Supportive Housing Funding

			Number	Amount
Applicant	Project Type	Service Area	of Beds	Recommended
Good Samaritan Shelter	Transitional Housing with Supportive Services	North County/ South County	20	\$400,000

The Agreement identifies the terms and conditions by which the Public Safety Realignment Plan funds must be administered. The Agreement (Attachment A) includes attachments that detail the Scope of Services (Exhibit A), Budget and Payment Procedures (Exhibit B), Expenditure Summary and Payment Request (ESPR) (Exhibit C), Quarterly Status Report (Exhibit D), and Indemnification and Insurance Requirements (Exhibit E).

Performance Measure:

GSS will provide quarterly reports to the County on services provided and performance measures. In order to provide continuity across transitional housing with supportive services, GSS will use the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for data collection. This will also provide valuable insight into homelessness history of project participants. Table 2 summarizes the number of persons served and summarizes performance measures for the project.

Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:

GSS met or exceeded three of its six established performance measures for the period of July 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024. These performance measures included number of beds, percentage of Independent Service Plans (goals) to successfully complete, and percentage of participants exiting to permanent housing. The performance measures that were not met through March are: number to serve (goal: 55 / served to date: 54), number of Independent Service Plans (goals) to be developed (goal: 200 /

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served to date: 199), percentage of unduplicated participants who achieve employment (goal: 50% / to date: 32%). These performance measures are expected to be met in the final quarter of Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Provider performance standards remain consistent for the coming fiscal year as Probation concentrates on increasing appropriate referrals and clients' overall improvement and successful reentry into the community.

Table 2: Performance Measures

Measure	Good Samaritan Shelter Target
Number of beds	20
Number to serve	55
Percentage of unduplicated participants who remain enrolled for 60 days will achieve employment	50%
Number of Independent Service Plans (goals) to be developed	200
Percentage of Independent Service Plan (goals) to successfully complete	60%
Percentage of participants exiting to permanent housing	25%

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	Current FY Cost:		Annualized On-going Cost:	Total One-Time Project Cost	
General Fund					
State	\$	400,000		\$	400,000
Federal					
Fees					
Other:					
Total	\$	400,000	\$ -	\$	400,000

The FY 2024-25 Public Safety Realignment Act Plan, approved by the CCP on April 4, 2024, includes \$400,000 in ongoing funding for transitional housing with supportive services. The agreement with GSS includes four contracted staff to provide case management, transportation and housing assistance, and operational costs of the housing facilities. The appropriations and associated revenue are included in the Probation Department's FY 2024-25 recommended budget. The contract with GSS is for one year in duration.

Key_Contract_Risks:

The County assumes responsibility for the administration of CCP funds in accordance with all State requirements governing their use. GSS has successfully operated State and/or federally-funded homeless assistance projects in the past which have had similar regulatory and administrative requirements.

The CCP Supportive Housing Program Subrecipient Agreement is a cost-reimbursement contract. This allows Probation to disburse State funds to the aforementioned CCP Supportive Housing Program Subrecipient for eligible incurred costs to the extent prescribed by the Agreement. The County will only

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reimburse GSS for costs that are eligible under the Agreement and documented in a manner that is acceptable to CSD/HCD and Probation. CSD/HCD and Probation staff will assess the performance of the CCP Supportive Housing sub-recipient to determine if the services provided are adequate and as outlined in the Agreement.

Staffing Impacts:

<u>Legal Positions:</u> <u>FTEs:</u> N/A

Special Instructions:

1) Please email an electronic copy of the Minute Order to Kimberlee Albers at Kalbers@countyofsb.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Public Safety Realignment Sub-Recipient Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter for the Supportive Housing Program

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