



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: 3/1/11
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Kathy M. Gallagher, Director, (805) 681-4451
Director(s)
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(WIB)Executive Director

SUBJECT: **De-obligation of Agreement with Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley BC10-134**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and authorize the Chair to de-obligate \$100,000 from Agreement BC10-134 between the County of Santa Barbara and *Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley*.
2. Approve and authorize the Chair to direct the Department of Social Services to prepare the \$100,000 de-obligation contract modification as recommended, for signature by the Chair of the Board.

Summary Text:

On May 25, 2010, the Board of Supervisors approved the Agreement (BC10-134), on behalf of the WIB, for \$200,000 to the Santa Maria-based organization, *Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley (FBSMV)*, to provide one-year of services to 275 youth. The intent of the Agreement was to provide vocational skills training and workforce education to youth as an alternative to the gang lifestyle.

Due to slow start-up activities, and the impact of the summer recess on the commencement of the program, the expected results are far below expectation. Specifically, less than thirty youth have been successfully enrolled in the program, as of December 2010; and under \$50,000 of the awarded funds have been expended.

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program is a “performance-based” program that is under close scrutiny by the Federal Department of Labor (DOL) and California Employment Development Department (EDD). Both the State and Federal departments emphasize *effective funds utilization* as a

means of rating the effectiveness of the WIB's local management of the WIA program. Effective funds utilization includes the use of "de-obligation" and re-programming of funds in order to ensure they are spent in a timely manner [Note: WIA funds have a "life cycle" of two years.]

On January 19, 2011 the WIB informed *FBSMV* that with only five months of operation left, and because of the low participation and expenditures, that a de-obligation contract modification is recommended, reducing the awarded fund amount and number of participants to be served to thirty. WIB staff have provided *FBSMV* with on-going technical support and training, since the inception of the Agreement

Background:

The *Workforce Investment Act (WIA)* Program is operated in Santa Barbara County via a partnership between the County and the Federally-mandated *Workforce Investment Board (WIB)*. The Administrative Staff of the WIB is housed within the County Department of Social Services.

As part of its mandate to develop workforce opportunities and enrich the quality of life within the community, the WIB awards funding to local organizations to assist adults and youth with vocational training and employment opportunities.

On December 31, 2009 the Department of Social Services (DSS) on behalf of the WIB, issued a Request for Proposal for Anti-Gang and Youth Violence Prevention/Intervention Projects throughout the three main regions of Santa Barbara County: North, Central/Mid, and South.

On February 11, 2010, Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley submitted a proposal to provide gang prevention and intervention services to WIA-eligible youth participants in the City of Santa Maria. On February 24, 2010 an evaluation team reviewed the proposals and recommended Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley for funding.

As prescribed in Federal law, the Workforce Investment Board Executive Committee met and voted on March 5, 2010 to approve the recommendation to award the contract to the applicant, the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District- Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley.

Performance Measure:

With over half of the contract period expired, FBSV has not met any of the agreed-upon Performance Measures: Placement in Employment/Education: 67%; Attainment of Degree/Certificate: 47%; and, gains in Literacy & Numeracy: 30%. WIB staff are continuing to work with them and provide technical assistance; and believe the requested contract modification will assist FBSV in improving performance

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Select_Budgeted

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 09-10 Cost:</u>	<u>FY 10-11 Cost</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ -

Narrative:

Approval and execution of this contract modification will result in a decrease in direct contract expenditures of \$100,000.

These costs were originally allocated as follows: \$20,000 in Fiscal Year 2009-10 and \$180,000 in FY 10-11. This modification reduces the FY 10-11 allocation for this contract to \$80,000. Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009-10 and Fiscal Year 2010-10 have been included in the Department's respective budget. Funding for this modification comes 100% from the Department's Workforce Investment Act (WIA) federal allocation.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

Attachments:

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