



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:** July 13, 2021  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** 4/5

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Daniel Nielson, Social Services Director  
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Workforce Development Board, (805) 681-4540  
**SUBJECT:** Contract with the Workforce Development Board of Ventura County for High Road Construction Careers: California Climate Investments Program

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**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) Approve and authorize the Director of the Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services, or designee, to accept the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Workforce Development Board, and execute the contract with the Workforce Development Board of Ventura County to receive \$90,398 to provide High Road Construction Careers: California Climate Investments Program for the period starting August 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2023;
- b) Approve Budget Journal Entry No. 0007699 to increase appropriations by \$49,719 for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 in the Department of Social Services Fund 0058. The remaining \$40,679 of the grant will be allocated and included in the Department of Social Services' Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 (4/5 Vote Required);
- c) Authorize the Director of the Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services, or designee, the authority to adjust the term start date, pursuant under the terms of the contract as amended, so long as there is no change to the maximum contract amount;

- d) Authorize the Director of Social Services, or designee, to extend the contract to allocate the amount of unused funds from the previous Fiscal Year budget to the next Fiscal Year budget, subject to appropriations and budget approval; and
- e) Determine that the activity is not a “Project” subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(4), the creation of government 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; and per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(5), since the activity is an organizational or administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda in order to approve and authorize the Department of Social Services (DSS) Director, or designee, to accept the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds (GGRF) on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Workforce Development Board (SBWDB), and execute the contract with the Workforce Development Board of Ventura County (WDBVC) to provide High Road Construction Careers (HRCC): California Climate Investments Program (CCI) (HRCC: CCI). WDBVC in partnership with the SBWDB and Workforce Development Board of San Luis Obispo County applied for and was awarded \$551,553.53 in State general funds, of which SBWDB is being allocated \$90,398 for the period starting August 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2023.

**Background:**

The California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) oversees a suite of investments and policy initiatives to advance construction careers as a reliable pathway to the middle class for disadvantaged Californians. The HRCC program prioritizes partnerships that link local building and construction trades councils to workforce boards, community colleges, and community-based organizations, creating structured pathways — with a standard core curriculum and critical supportive services — to state-certified apprenticeships in a variety of crafts. These efforts build systems and policies that directly advance the State Plan goals of equity (access to skills and economic opportunity) and job quality (connections to careers with decent wages and benefits).

Through the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, the CWDB has invested and continues to invest millions of dollars in pre-apprenticeship partnerships across California. These investments connect programs directly to regional labor market demand through a campaign to expand the use of Community Workforce Agreements, which wrap targeted local hire provisions into public infrastructure projects, including projects critical to safeguarding the environment and climate.

CCI is a statewide initiative that puts billions of cap-and-trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy and improving public health and the environment – particularly disadvantaged communities. The CCI cap-and-trade program creates a financial incentive for industries to invest in clean technologies and develop innovative ways to reduce pollution.

CCI projects include affordable housing, renewable energy, public transportation, zero-emission vehicles, environmental restoration, more sustainable agriculture, recycling and much more. At least 35 percent of these investments are made in disadvantaged communities and low-income communities and households.

The WDBVC, SBWDB, along with the Workforce Development Board of San Luis Obispo County applied for these funds and were awarded \$551,553.53. This contract is intended to provide the framework for reimbursing the entities (including SBWDB in the amount of \$90,398) for the costs of implementing and administering the HRCC in Santa Barbara County. WDBVC is the designated fiscal agent for the contract as they are the grant recipient for the special funds for the regional projects of this contract.

The purpose of the HRCC:CCI is to supplement the HRCC: Senate Bill-1 Program by expanding services of the Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3) pre-apprenticeship training program through a focus on projects and skills that support greenhouse gas reduction and mitigate climate change. HRCC:CCI will:

- Increase MC3 training opportunities through additional class curriculum focused on renewable energy and greenhouse gas reduction industries.
- Explore construction projects that support greenhouse gas reduction methods.
- Provide in-person educational trips to sites where greenhouse gas reduction projects are underway, thereby allowing participants to apply classroom learning to actual construction projects.

HRCC:CCI will focus outreach and apprenticeship services on five primary population groups: women, disadvantaged youth (aged 18-24 with barriers to employment and/or education), formerly incarcerated individuals, veterans and those from low-income households.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

| <b><u>Funding Sources</u></b> | <b><u>FY21-22 Cost:</u></b> | <b><u>FY22-23 Cost:</u></b> | <b><u>Total Cost</u></b> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| General Fund                  |                             |                             |                          |
| State                         | \$49,719                    | \$40,679                    | \$ 90,398.00             |
| Federal                       |                             |                             | \$ -                     |
| Fees                          |                             |                             |                          |
| Other:                        |                             |                             |                          |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>\$ 49,719.00</b>         | <b>\$ 40,679.00</b>         | <b>\$ 90,398.00</b>      |

Narrative: The SBWDB will receive a total of \$90,398 through reimbursement from the WDBVC, which is the Fiscal Agent for the HRCC program. There is no impact to General Fund.

**Key Contract Risks:**

Because the County of Ventura is the fiscal agent for the funds and will allocate those funds to various partners including SBWDB, this contract contains indemnity provisions where SBWDB agrees to indemnify the County of Ventura for legal actions arising from SBWDB acts.

There are three indemnity provisions: section 9 of this contract, and sections 10 and 34 of the General Contract Conditions.

Section 9 provides that SBWDB will defend, indemnify and hold County of Ventura harmless for operations conducted or subsidized by SBWDB. Section 10 of the General Contract Conditions provides: SBWDB agrees to accept full responsibility for and agrees to exonerate, indemnify and hold harmless the County of Ventura from and against any and all claims for any damage whatsoever resulting from the use, misuse, or failure of such equipment. And Section 34 requires SBWDB to indemnify the County of Ventura for State and/or federal audit exceptions, whether resulting from contract non-compliance on the part of SBWDB or otherwise, and for claims made against the County of Ventura arising from SBWDB performance of this contract.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

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**FTEs:**

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**Special Instructions:**

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**Attachments:**

1. Attachment 1 – HRCC:CCI Program
2. Attachment 2 – Budget Journal Entry 0007699

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