



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: May 5, 2020
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Daniel Nielson, Social Services Director
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Contact Info: Raymond L. McDonald, Executive Director
Workforce Development Board, (805) 681-4540
SUBJECT: Agreement with Coastal Regional Planning Unit for Workforce Development Services

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 execute the Coastal Regional Planning Agreement with the Monterey County Workforce Development Board to receive \$1,489,975 Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act funds, of which the Santa Barbara County Workforce Development Board is being allocated \$342,628, to provide regional activities as outlined in the Agreement for the period starting May 5, 2020 and ending June 30, 2022;
- b) Approve Budget Journal Entry No. 0006741 to increase appropriations by \$53,945 for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 in the Department of Social Services Fund 0058 (4/5 Vote Required); and
- c) Determine that the above recommended action is not the approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), finding that the project is a creation of a governmental 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.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to approve and authorize the Department of Social Services (DSS) Director, or designee, to execute the Monterey County Workforce Development Board (MCWDB) Coastal Regional Planning Unit (RPU) Agreement to provide regional workforce development services. The Coastal RPU is receiving \$1,489,975 Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) funds, of which Santa Barbara County Workforce Development Board (SBWDB) is being allocated \$342,628 to provide regional activities as outlined in the Agreement for the period starting May 5, 2020 and ending June 30, 2022.

Background:

The WIOA was signed into law on July 22, 2014. The intent of the WIOA legislation is to arm workers with the skills necessary to meet business needs and to provide business with access to the talent pool necessary to compete in local, regional, and global economies. This is achieved by assisting workers, including those with barriers to employment, with access to employment, education, job driven training, and support services. The WIOA also emphasizes improving services to business, enhancing program coordination and streamlining service delivery, utilizing new technology, increasing the flexibility of governance, and increasing accountability and transparency. Additionally, the WIOA requires quality training that leads to industry recognized credentials, earn, and learn approaches that encourage the coordination of work and learning, regional planning and service coordination, and implementation of sector-based strategies and career pathways.

Since the passage of the WIOA, the California Workforce Development Board has released funding to designated regional fiscal agents to effectuate regional coordination and regional industry engagement in priority sectors that are relevant across the region. The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth the responsibilities of the Coastal RPU entities as they relate to regional workforce development activities and administration of grants from the California Workforce Development Board.

This Agreement is intended to provide the framework for reimbursing the Coastal RPU entities (including SBWDB) for the costs of regional activities for the following projects of this Agreement: Slingshot 2.0 Implementation, Regional Organizer, Prison to Employment (P2E) Implementation Direct Services, and P2E Supportive Services Earn and Learn. The Coastal RPU was awarded \$1,489,975 in WIOA funding in support of those regional projects (Slingshot 2.0 Implementation \$200,000, Regional Organizer \$163,000, P2E Implementation Direct Services \$647,983, and P2E Supportive Services Earn and Learn \$478,992). The MCWDB is the designated fiscal agent for the Coastal RPU as they are the grant receipt for the special funds for the regional projects of this Agreement.

Slingshot 2.0 addresses two major areas of business services for SBWDB's region: creating a regional and uniform approach to Business Services alignment and regional sector analysis. Slingshot 2.0 strives to align business services across the Coastal RPU in order to create stronger employer leadership and engagement, while allowing the employers to take the driver seat.

Regional Organizer is the California Workforce Development Board's attempt to support the regions in pulling together local workforce stakeholders such as the community colleges, and adult education programs to work with the Workforce Development Board staff in setting common goals, objectives and collaborations. The Regional Organizer authorized by the State Funding Award to the Coastal RPU will be hired by Monterey to serve the Coastal RPU entities.

P2E services are targeted to individuals reentering our communities from local jails and state prisons and are intended to reduce recidivism and improve employment outcomes for the supervised populations through the creative and effective alignment of training, education, and other services for this population with the industries and employers driving regional employment.

P2E Direct Services will provide direct services to low- to moderate-risk, formerly incarcerated and justice-involved adults needing eligibility, assessment, access to employment training resources, supportive services, career coaching (case management), and follow-up services. The P2E Supportive Services Earn and Learn differs only in the number of participants to be served. Both P2E programs will focus on providing vocational preparation, work experience and employment opportunities to formerly incarcerated and justice-involved individuals in the Coastal RPU regions.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	FY19-20 Cost:	FY20-21 Cost:	FY21-22 Cost:	Total Cost
General Fund				
State	\$ 48,745.00	\$ 156,528.00	\$ 132,155.00	\$ 337,428.00
Federal	\$ 5,200.00			\$ 5,200.00
Fees				
Other:				
Total	\$ 53,945.00	\$ 156,528.00	\$ 132,155.00	\$ 342,628.00

Narrative:

The expenditures are funded by a combination of California State General Fund and together with the California Workforce Development Board and the United States Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration Discretionary Grants via the Coastal Regional Planning Agreement.

The MCWDB will reimburse the DSS for any regional workforce development services and P2E activities. Out of \$382,628 allocated funds, \$337,428 derives from State and the remaining \$5,200 will come from Federal funds.

DSS is requesting approval and authorization to execute Agreements in FY2019/2020 of \$53,945 for Services and Supplies to include \$5,200 for Slingshot activities; \$28,184 for P2E Direct Services; and \$20,561 for P2E Supportive Services. Please see Budget Journal Entry No. 0006741.

DSS will include appropriation for Salaries and Employee Benefits, and Services and Supplies for \$156,528 in DSS' FY2020/2021 recommended budget to complete the program services to include \$90,054 for P2E Direct Services; and \$66,474 for P2E Supportive Services.

DSS will include appropriation for Salaries and Employee Benefits, and Services and Supplies for \$132,155 in DSS' FY2021/2022 proposed budget to complete the program services to include \$75,962 for P2E Direct Services; and \$56,193 for P2E Supportive Services.

There is no impact to General Fund.

Key Contract Risks:

Section 6 of the Agreement contains a provision that requires each party to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other party. The parties to this Agreement are MCWDB and SBWDB.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
0

FTEs:
0

Special Instructions:

Please scan, email and send two (2) duplicate original Agreements, and a copy of the minute order to:

DSS Contracts Unit

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Attachments:

1. Attachment 1 – 2020 Regional Agreement SBWDB
2. Attachment 2 – Budget Journal Entry 0006741

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