



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Health
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: December 7, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PhD, Director
Director(s) Public Health Department
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SUBJECT: **Third Amendment to the Family Service Agency Agreement: Housing for the Harvest Program expansion and Latinx and Migrant COVID-19 Task Force and Language Justice Project**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors consider the following recommendations:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute the Third Amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Family Service Agency (FSA) (a local vendor) to update federal clauses. There is no change to the period of performances or to the Scope of Work for the Housing for the Harvest program or for the Latinx and Migrant COVID-19 Task Force; and
- b) Determine that the above recommended action is not a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines, since it consists of the creation of a governmental funding mechanism or other government fiscal activity that 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 your Board's agenda to execute a Third Amendment to the Agreement with the Family Service Agency (FSA) to update the federal clauses in the Agreement for the provision of operational support, wraparound services, transportation, and other services to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (Attachment A). Farm and food processing workers play an essential role in maintaining our food supply, but some who need to self-isolate find it difficult to do so due to their housing situation. Under this Agreement, the FSA is a subrecipient of the County operating the Housing for the Harvest program

to provide eligibility for and emergency temporary isolation or quarantine to certain farm and food processing employees so that they can safely self-isolate either at home or in motels when needed to reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19 to other household, family, and community members. The Latinx and Indigenous Migrant COVID-19 Response Task Force and Language Justice project was formed as a rapid response body to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, working to reach and support this community. The Latinx and Indigenous Migrant COVID-19 Response Task Force works in conjunction with additional community groups to provide essential services to protect and support some of Santa Barbara County’s most vulnerable community members from the urgent threat of the coronavirus pandemic.

Background:

The Housing for the Harvest program and expansion program offers temporary hotel housing or at home support to agricultural workers who need to isolate due to COVID-19. It helps positive or exposed workers protect their loved ones and coworkers by giving them a separate motel space to self-isolate to better contain the spread of the disease or allows them supports for isolating at home, should they prefer.

Participants in the Housing for the Harvest program expansion are people who: 1) work in California food processing or agriculture; and, 2) meet FEMA non-congregate sheltering criteria for COVID-19 (i.e., have tested positive, or have been exposed as documented by a public health official or medical health professional). While the base program is federally-funded, the program expansion is State funded. The State program not only provides hotel rooms in Carpinteria, Lompoc, and Santa Maria for workers who need to self-isolate for up to 14 days, but will provide some reimbursement for the wraparound costs of food, transportation, laundry, wellness checks, and other services. This has made new funding available for this program, which is originally funded with Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Enhancing Detection funds, made available from federal stimulus act funding.

The Latinx and Indigenous Migrant COVID-19 Task Force, working in conjunction with additional community groups, provides essential services to protect and support some of Santa Barbara County’s most vulnerable community members from the urgent threat of the coronavirus pandemic.

Specifically, this agreement supports critical outreach and support as well as Language Justice efforts. This work provides this vulnerable population with information and support, to reduce their risk of infection and help them to cope with the physical, emotional, and economic impacts of the pandemic.

Performance Measure:

Throughout the term of this agreement, the Family Service Agency will conduct 1:1 interactions with migrant and immigrant residents as well as farm and food processing workers to provide eligibility, operational support, engagement, wraparound services, financial incentives, and outreach services to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:

PHD has had continuous service with the Family Services Agency as part of the COVID-19 response, and they have provided excellent outreach services for community members in the County.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding for the \$1,293,376 (\$335,376) for Housing for the Harvest base program; \$845,576 for the Housing for the Harvest expansion program; and, \$112,800 for Latinx and Migrant COVID-19 Task Force and Language Justice Project) will be provided from the Public Health Department’s Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) enhancing detection allocation from the federal Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act HR 266 in the amount of \$518,083, and from the State Department of Social Services (passed through the County Department of Social Services) in the amount of \$775,293.

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>FY 21/22 Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State	\$ 775,293.00		
Federal: ELC Funds	\$ 518,083.00		
Fees			
Other			
Total	\$ 1,293,376.00		

Key Contract Risks:

Family Service Agency has been serving Santa Barbara County since 1899. Since its merger with Santa Maria Valley Youth and Family Center in 2017, and The Little House By The Park in 2019, FSA serves Santa Barbara County with program sites in Santa Barbara, Lompoc, Carpinteria, Santa Maria and Guadalupe. Additionally, the County’s standard insurance and indemnity for professional contracts clauses are incorporated into the Agreement as Exhibit C and the Agreement can be terminated for convenience.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
0

FTEs:
0

Special Instructions:

Please execute two (2) original Third Amendments with Family Service Agency and retain one (1) original Third Amendment and one (1) Minute Order for pick up by the department. Please email the PHD Contracts Unit at Kelly.Lazarus@sbcphd.org when available for pick up.

Attachments:

- A. Third Amendment to the Family Service Agency Agreement FY 20-21
- B. Second Amendment to the Family Service Agency Agreement FY 20-21
- C. First Amendment to the Family Service Agency Agreement FY 20-21
- D. Family Service Agency Agreement FY 20-21

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