



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: Community Services
Department No.: 057
Agenda Date: June 24, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director(s):

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Contact:

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SUBJECT: First Amendment to Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter for Street Outreach through Opioid Settlement funds

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Risk Management:

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute a First Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement between the County and Good Samaritan Shelter (GSS) for the use of Opioid Settlement Funding (OSF) for a homeless outreach and engagement support team to extend term from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2026; and
- b) Approve the addition of \$750,000 for program operations and client services; and
- c) Authorize the Community Services Director, or designee, to execute budget amendments in alignment with the agreement and requirements to ensure full expenditure of the Opioid Settlement funds; and
- d) Determine that the above recommended actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4) as the actions involve the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve a commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

Staff recommends the approval of this first amendment to the Opioid Settlement agreement with GSS for Street Outreach to extend the initial end date from June 30, 2025, to end on June 30, 2026. If approved, this extension will also allocate an additional \$750,000 of OSF to the agreement and would allow the continuation of dedicated outreach to people experiencing homelessness throughout the County for an additional fiscal year.

Discussion:

The continuation and expansion of outreach and engagement services supported through the OSF represents a strategic investment in mitigating the local impacts of the opioid crisis among the County's most vulnerable populations—those experiencing homelessness. Approval of the proposed First Amendment will extend the agreement with GSS by an additional twelve months, allowing for uninterrupted service delivery through June 30, 2026.

This extension includes an allocation of \$750,000 in additional OSF resources to support continued operations and client services. The funding will sustain a dedicated team focused on direct street-based engagement, with the aim of reducing harm, facilitating access to treatment and housing, and promoting stabilization for individuals with opioid use disorder or at risk of substance misuse.

Performance data from the initial implementation period under OSF demonstrates strong outcomes and demand for continued services. In the first four months of the current contract term, the outreach team served 161 individuals, placed 20 into shelter, and supported 11 exits to permanent or otherwise positive housing. These figures reflect a pace that exceeds contracted expectations and builds on the success of the prior American Plan Rescue Act (ARPA)-funded outreach efforts, which served 677 individuals over 30 months and helped over 100 achieve stable housing outcomes.

The additional funding and extended term will allow the program to continue these critical services without disruption, support progress toward countywide goals related to homelessness and behavioral health and ensure alignment with the strategic priorities identified under the Opioid Unified Response (OUR SBC) framework. It will also allow the County to maximize the impact of one-time settlement funds by targeting populations most at risk for opioid-related harm.

Background:

On June 18, 2024, the Board received a report on the OUR SBC strategic priorities and provided initial direction for utilizing the OSF. The OSF is the result of litigation against distributors and manufacturers of prescription opioids to recover the costs associated with opioid drug misuse caused by the deceptive marketing and sale of prescription opioids, and to obtain other remedies to mitigate the problem going forward. The Board approved the following general priority areas: 1) expanding "Prevention, Strengthening Treatment, and Harm Reduction" programs, and 2) supporting "Data Collection" efforts. Specific to the Community Service Department, the Board approved funding to continue outreach and engagement services, specifically to augment the ARPA funded outreach team, which ended December 31, 2024. The Board approved funding in the amount of \$375,000 for the period of January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025, and \$750,000 for fiscal year 2025-26.

GSS is the contracted provider for operations and services of this outreach program. Under ARPA funding, the outreach team, from July 1, 2022, through December 31, 2024, served 677 people experiencing homelessness, placed 263 persons into shelter and have 103 exits to positive housing destinations.

Performance Measure:

The services provided through the attached Subrecipient Agreements, from January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025, are summarized below. During the current contract term, the team has exceeded the original contract expectations and served 161 persons, placed 20 people into shelter, and has 11 exits to positive housing destinations in the first four months.

Original Performance Measures:

	Goal
Unduplicated number of homeless persons or persons at imminent or at risk of homelessness to be served	100
Number of unsheltered homeless persons entering shelter	55
Number of homeless persons entering permanent housing (placed into units)	15
Number of homeless households entering permanent housing (placed into units)	15
	Goal
% of individuals successfully placed in permanent housing	15%
% of homeless households successfully placed in permanent housing	15%
% of unsheltered homeless persons entering shelter	55%
% of adult participants will obtain earned income at project exit	20%
% of adult participants will obtain cash/non-cash benefits at project exit	85%
% of project participants entering permanent housing that will retain permanent housing at 1 year	85%

Proposed Performance Measures:

	Goal
Unduplicated number of homeless persons or persons at imminent or at risk of homelessness to be served	150
Number of unsheltered homeless persons entering shelter	80
Number of homeless persons entering permanent housing (placed into units)	25
Number of homeless households entering permanent housing (placed into units)	25

	Goal
% of individuals successfully placed in permanent housing	15%
% of homeless households successfully placed in permanent housing	15%
% of unsheltered homeless persons entering shelter	55%
% of adult participants will obtain earned income at project exit	20%
% of adult participants will obtain cash/non-cash benefits at project exit	85%
% of project participants entering permanent housing that will retain permanent housing at 1 year	85%

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Source	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	Total
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Opioid Settlement Funds (OSF)	375,000	750,000	1,125,000
Total			

The proposed funding action would approve \$750,000 in restricted OSF to continue homeless outreach and engagement support services through June 30, 2026 which is included in the recommended budget.

Staffing Impacts:

The current requested activity falls within currently budgeted staff duties.

Special Instructions:

Please execute two (2) original copies of the First Amendment with Good Samaritan Shelter for outreach and engagement to unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness and send to Katherine Soto-Vasquez ksotovasquez@countyofsb.org

Attachments:

Attachment A – Sub Recipient Agreement OSF GSS SO

Attachment B – First Amendment OSF GSS SO

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