



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Community Services
Department No.: 057
For Agenda Of: March 21, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department George Chapjian, Community Services Director 805-568-2467
Director(s)
Contact Info: Dinah Lockhart, Deputy Director 805-568-3523

SUBJECT: Approval of Sub-Recipient Agreements for additional Emergency Solutions Grant, Coronavirus (ESG-CV) funding for COVID-19 Homelessness Response

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute Subrecipient Agreements for Rapid Re-Housing using Emergency Solutions Grant, Coronavirus (ESG-CV) funds allocated through the State of California for continued COVID-19 homelessness response with the following subrecipients in the following amounts:
 1. \$243,038 to Good Samaritan Shelter (Good Samaritan);
 2. \$185,303 to NBCC.
- b) Authorize the Community Services Department Director, or designee, to approve and execute amendments to any of the Subrecipient Agreements identified in Recommended Action (a), above, to increase or decrease the total contract amount of any such Subrecipient Agreement to ensure full and timely expenditure of all awarded ESG-CV funds thereunder, provided that no such amendment to any Subrecipient Agreement shall increase the amount of funding provided thereunder by more than 10% of the original total contract amount; and
- c) Determine that the above recommended actions do not constitute the approval of projects subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), finding that the projects are 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.

Summary Text:

On January 12, 2023, in order to aid in addressing ongoing impacts of COVID-19 on persons experiencing homelessness in Santa Barbara County, the State of California Housing and Community Development (HCD) approved \$408,043 in additional ESG-CV funding allocated to the County, and extended the expenditure deadline for such funds to June 30, 2024. CSD determined the amount of unspent previous ESG-CV grant funds to be \$20,298. The total ESG-CV amount available to award is \$428,341.

The County Community Services Department (CSD) is asking the Board of Supervisors to approve, ratify and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute two (2) Subrecipient Agreements, one with each of Good Samaritan and NBCC, awarding a combination newly allocated and (previously awarded) unspent ESG-CV funds to be used for housing and services in the aggregate amount of \$428,341 and reflecting the extended expenditure deadline.

Background:

The County of Santa Barbara serves as the Administrative Entity (AE) for the Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County Continuum of Care (CoC). Under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stimulus (CARES) Act enacted by Congress, the State of California was awarded approximately \$253 million in federal funds for the ESG-CV Program. The goal of the Program is to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 among individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or receiving homeless assistance, and to support additional homeless assistance prevention activities to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19.

Santa Barbara County was previously awarded \$9,885,062 in ESG-CV funding. Allocations and subrecipient agreements for the expenditure of such previously awarded ESG-CV funds for emergency shelter, rapid re-housing, street outreach, and supportive services have previously been approved and ratified by the Board of Supervisors on February 9, 2021, June 15, 2021, June 22, 2021, August 17, 2021, and March 15, 2022.

On November 3, 2022, HCD contacted the County with an opportunity to receive additional ESG-CV funding to be expended by June 30, 2024. ESG-CV Subrecipients who have spent a minimum of 50% of previously awarded funds were considered for awards of such additional Rapid Rehousing funds. HCD prioritized funding to existing rapid re-housing (RRH) programs utilizing ESG-CV funding who need additional funds to either extend rental assistance to current program participants and/or expand current RRH programs to serve more participants in need of permanent housing support.

CSD identified previous ESG-CV subrecipients with capacity for extended and expanded services aligned with HCD priorities, and responded to the HCD opportunity. On January 12, 2023, HCD approved \$408,043 in additional ESG-CV funding, and extended the expenditure deadline to June 30, 2024, to aid in addressing ongoing impacts of COVID-19 on persons experiencing homelessness in Santa Barbara County. CSD determined the amount of unspent previously allocated ESG-CV funding to be \$20,298, bringing the total ESG-CV funding amount available to \$428,341. CSD recommends that the Board approve (i) a \$243,038 Subrecipient Agreement for Rapid Re-Housing with Good Samaritan Shelter to provide assistance to 25 persons, and e a \$185,303 Subrecipient Agreement for Rapid Re-Housing with NBCC to assist 17 persons in accessing permanent housing.

Performance Measure:

The goals and performance measures provided in the Subrecipient Agreements before the Board today are summarized in Table 1, below. Good Samaritan and NBCC will provide quarterly reports that include the number of persons/households served and instances of service, as well as the outcomes/performance measures for the project.

Table 1: Goals – Services to be Provided, Individuals/Households Served, and Performance Measures

a. Goals

Each Subrecipient will provide the following levels of services during the term of its Subrecipient Agreement:

Metric	Goal
Total unduplicated number of persons served	42
Total unduplicated number of households served	32

b. Performance Measures

Each Subrecipient will meet the following performance measures during the term of its Subrecipient Agreement:

Metric	Goal
% of participants that will move into permanent housing (PH) at project exit	90%
% of adult participants gaining new or increasing existing cash income at project exit	40%
% of adult participants who obtained non-cash benefits at project exit	80%
% of participants who will move to PH remaining housed for six months	80%

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			\$ 428,341.00
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 428,341.00

Narrative: The additional ESG-CV funds will provide shelter, housing, and services to persons experiencing homelessness. Such ESG-CV funds will be fully expended on or before June 30, 2024. The State allows for the expenditure of such funds prior to the execution of subrecipient agreements. The \$428,341 in ESG-CV funds identified in the table above reflects new HCD ESG-CV awards in the aggregate amount of \$408,043, as well as the previously awarded, but re-allocated, \$20,298 in ESG-CV funds.

Key Contract Risks:

The County assumes responsibility for the administration of ESG-CV funds in accordance with all State and federal requirements governing their use. In addition, the County would be held liable if it or any subrecipient to which it sub-grants funds is found to be non-compliant with applicable requirements. All subrecipients have successfully operated State- and/or federally-funded homeless assistance projects in the past that have had similar regulatory and administrative requirements.

The ESG-CV Subrecipient Agreements are cost-reimbursement contracts, which mitigates the County's risk. This allows CSD/HCD to disburse funds to the aforementioned Subrecipients for eligible incurred costs to the extent prescribed by the Subrecipient Agreements. The County will only reimburse subrecipients for costs that are eligible under the applicable Subrecipient Agreements and documented in a manner that is acceptable to CSD/HCD. CSD/HCD staff will assess the performance of the subrecipients to determine if the services provided are adequate and as outlined in the applicable Subrecipient Agreements.

Staffing Impacts:

There are no staffing impacts in connection with the approval of these two Subrecipient Agreements.

Special Instructions:

- 1) Please email an electronic copy of the Minute Order to Kimberlee Albers at kalbers@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.
- 2) Please execute three (3) originals of each Subrecipient Agreement and return two (2) originals to Kimberlee Albers (x3523).

Attachments:

- 1) ESG-CV Sub recipient Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter
- 2) ESG-CV Sub recipient Agreement with NBCC

