



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Behavioral Wellness
Department No.: 043
For Agenda Of: May 2, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director
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SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness – Resource Development Associates, Inc. Service Agreement
FY 2021 – 2023 First Amendment

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, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute a First Amended Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Resource Development Associates, Inc.** (not a local vendor), referenced as BC 21-262, to extend the agreement term through June 30, 2023 with no change to the Maximum Contract Amount of **\$300,000**, for the period of May 20, 2020 through June 30, 2023;
- B. Delegate to the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee the authority to suspend, delay, or interrupt the services under the Agreement for convenience and make immaterial changes to the Agreement per Sections 20 and 26 of the Agreement, respectively, without altering the Maximum Contract Amount and without requiring the Board's approval of an amendment of the Agreement, subject to the Board's ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time; and
- C. Determine that the above actions are government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment and is therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Summary Text:

The above-referenced item is on the agenda to request approval of the First Amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Resource Development Associates, Inc. (RDA), referenced as BC 21-262, to extend the agreement term through June 30, 2023 with no change to the Maximum Contract Amount of \$300,000, for the period of May 20, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

RDA provides consultation, data analysis, and grant evaluation services. Under BC 21-262, RDA provides grant evaluation services for the Proposition 47 (Prop 47) grant. Approval of the recommended actions will allow RDA to give presentations to stakeholders in June 2023.

Background:

California voters approved Proposition (Prop) 47 in November 2014 with the goal of lowering incarceration rates across the State by reclassifying certain classes of low-level, non-violent felonies as misdemeanors for individuals who do not have prior convictions for serious offenses. Due to the expected decrease in the State's prison population, the Legislative Analyst's Office estimated annual State correctional savings following implementation of the legislation to be between \$150-200 million. Prop 47 requires these savings to be placed in the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Fund and mandates the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) to allocate 65% of the Fund for mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment that is aimed at reducing recidivism, 25% for crime prevention and to support programs in schools, and 10% for trauma recovery services for crime victims.

Through the BSCC's Cohort II grant process, Santa Barbara County in collaboration with stakeholders would develop and implement the Crisis Intervention, Diversion and Support (CIDS) Program. The Public Defender's Office is the lead grantee, with program partners including the Behavioral Wellness Department, Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office, and local community-based organizations (Good Samaritan Shelter, Family Service Agency). CIDS leverages the promise of Prop 47 by diverting individuals with a history of serious mental illness (SMI) and/or SUD from the criminal justice system to trauma-informed crisis stabilization and comprehensive mental health and SUD wraparound services. The program aims to reduce criminal justice involvement and help ensure adults with SMI/SUD who come into contact with law enforcement are adequately supported.

On February 4, 2020 the Board of Supervisors authorized the Public Defender to execute the multi-year grant agreement with the BSCC accepting \$5,988,511 for the County of Santa Barbara to provide crisis intervention, diversion and support to individuals at three main points of entry: field law enforcement contact (arrest), jail booking, and prior to arraignment for the forty-five month period of August 15, 2019 or upon State approval, whichever is later, through May 15, 2023.

The Public Defender's Office has partnered with a highly experienced research team from Resource Development Associates, Inc. (RDA), that will (1) provide a formative evaluation that will guide our understanding and refinement of the CIDS program, and (2) implement a quasi-experimental mixed methods research design to measure the effects of CIDS on key outcomes. RDA has extensive experience evaluating similar programs concerning mental health, the justice system, and housing.

Behavioral Wellness (BWell) entered into Purchase Order Agreement No. CN23714 with RDA in May 2020 and Purchase Order Agreement No. CN24419 in December 2020 to provide consultation, data analysis, and grant evaluation services for Prop 47. On April 19, 2022, the Board of Supervisors executed the Board Contract Agreement with Resource Development Associates, Inc. (BC 21-262) for a total Maximum Contract Amount not to exceed \$300,000 for the period of May 20, 2020 through May 15, 2023. This Agreement canceled, nullified, and superseded Purchase Orders CN23714, CN24419, and all amendments thereto.

The Final Location Evaluation Report is due by May 15, 2023. Because of this, RDA will not be able to report on their findings prior to this. However, it is an expectation of BSCC that results are shared with stakeholders. Approval of the recommended actions will allow RDA to provide one to two 1-hour presentations on their final evaluation at stakeholder meetings in June 2023.

Performance Outcomes

To assess the implementation and impact of the CIDS program, RDA conducts a mixed-method process and outcome evaluation. To report on the process and outcome measures, RDA gathers qualitative and quantitative data from a range of CIDS program partners and stakeholders. This data provides a comprehensive understanding of how the program is implemented and supports the preliminary and final evaluation reports. Quantitative data findings, triangulated with qualitative data, are analyzed and presented in the Two-Year Preliminary Evaluation Report to assess CIDS progress towards its goals and objectives over the first two years, and in the Final Local Evaluation Report to assess the program’s impact over the 36-month grant period.

The Two-Year Preliminary Evaluation Report was submitted to BSCC in August 2021. The Final Local Evaluation Report is due to the BSCC by May 15, 2023.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Total FY 19-21</u>	<u>Total FY 21-23</u>	<u>Total FY 19-23</u>
General Fund			
State	\$ 161,844	\$ 138,156	\$ 300,000
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 161,844	\$ 138,156	\$ 300,000

Narrative: The above-referenced contract is State funded by Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) through a competitive grant.

Key Contract Risks:

RDA’s performance as the provider of data analysis and grant evaluation services plays an integral role in the presentation and reporting of project outcome data. Grantees that are unable to demonstrate that they are making sufficient progress toward project goals and objectives, and that funds are being spent down in accordance with the Grant Award Agreement and Proposition 47 Project Work Plan, could be subject to the withholding of funds.

Grantees and subcontractors (e.g. RDA) are required to maintain adequate fiscal and project books, records, documents, and other evidence pertinent to the subcontractor’s work on the project in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Adequate supporting documentation shall be maintained in such detail so as to permit tracing transactions from the invoices, to the accounting records, to the supporting documentation. These records shall be maintained for a minimum of three (3) years after the acceptance of the final grant project audit under the Grant Agreement, and shall be subject to examination and/or audit by the BSCC or designees, state government auditors or designees, or by federal government auditors or designees.

Special Instructions:

Please email one (1) complete executed amendment and one (1) minute order to bethle@sbcbswell.org and bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Resource Development Associates FY 21-23 First Amendment

Attachment B: Resource Development Associates FY 21-23 BC 21-262 Executed

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