



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 14, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: N/A
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Subrecipient Agreement for Emergency Housing Voucher Program of Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Funds for Good Samaritan Shelter

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form:

Other Concurrence Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, authorize, and ratify the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute a sub-recipient agreement for the distribution of State of California Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round III funding from the Santa Maria/Santa Barbara Continuum of Care allocations with Good Samaritan Shelter in the amount of \$1,333,619.
- b) Determine that the recommended actions are 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)(5) and 15378(b)(4), finding that the recommended actions consist of administrative or fiscal activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded the two local public Housing Authorities Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) as part of the American Rescue Plan Act in May 2021. The original award of 212 vouchers and subsequent award of 57 additional vouchers, will provide stable

affordable housing for 272 households. A critical part of successfully utilizing the EHV's is the provision of three years of supportive services to assist households obtain and maintain permanent housing. On August 24, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved a sub-recipient agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter to use HHAP funds allocated to the County of Santa Barbara to fund the first year of supportive services for EHV recipients.

Staff is recommending that the Board of Supervisors approve, authorize and ratify the Chair to execute a State of California HHAP sub-recipient agreement, (Attachment A) in the amount of \$1,333,619, with Good Samaritan Shelter for the provision of countywide supportive services to EHV recipients (Program). This Agreement is funded with HHAP Round III funds awarded to the Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County Continuum of Care (CoC). The term of the sub-recipient agreement begins on January 1, 2023 and all funds must be expended by June 30, 2025. The agreement is a continuation of Program services already being provided by Good Samaritan under Board Contract BC21244 whose funds have exhausted.

Background:

The Board of Supervisors approved the application for and acceptance of HHAP Round III funds on October 5, 2021. The State of California awarded HHAP Round III funds in the amount of \$2,518,632 to the County of Santa Barbara and \$2,698,534 to the CoC for a total of \$5,217,166. The County is using their funds to support Interim Housing and the other CoC HHAP subrecipient agreements were approved by the Board on October 4, 2022.

The County of Santa Barbara, both local Public Housing Authorities, the CoC, the City of Goleta and the City of Carpinteria have partnered on funding EHV services. A Request for Proposals/ Qualifications (RFP/Q) process selected Good Samaritan Shelter to build a housing placement and retention services team including mental health professionals intended to support persons that are receiving EHV's. Participants are matched through the Coordinated Entry System. The Program has significantly increased permanent housing for persons experiencing homelessness.

The Program team will continue to offer housing placement and will continue to provide intensive supportive services including, but not limited to: Housing placement services; Mental health services; Substance abuse prevention services; Case management; Housing retention skills; Peer support activities; Benefits counseling and advocacy; 24/7 emergency tenant and landlord line; and Access to physical health care, including routine and preventive health and dental care, medication management, and wellness services.

Table 1: The County and CoC have received the following funding amounts from the State of California for HHAP Rounds I, II & III to support individuals and households experiencing homelessness in Santa Barbara County:

| <i>HHAP Rounds 1-3 Funded Activities</i> | <i>Continuum of Care</i> | <i>County</i> |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Interim Sheltering/Housing | \$1,253,977 | \$2,522,094 |
| Rapid Re-Housing | \$1,445,639 | \$307,415 |
| Street Outreach & Coordination | \$150,420 | \$459,380 |
| Landlord Incentives | \$299,154 | |
| Delivery of Permanent Housing | \$1,333,619 | \$1,035,000 |
| Services Coordination | \$158,940 | \$137,843 |
| Shelter Diversion | \$250,000 | |
| Systems Support | \$606,447 | \$547,086 |
| Administration | \$329,254 | \$377,008 |
| HHAP Rounds 1-3 Totals | \$5,827,450 | \$5,385,826 |

Performance Measures:

The goals and performance measures provided through the Subrecipient Agreement before the Board today are summarized in Table 2 below. Good Samaritan provides quarterly reports that include the number of persons/households served and instances of service, as well as the outcomes/performance measures for the EHV project.

Table 2: Goals – Services to be Provided, Individuals/Households Served, and Performance Measures

a. Goals

SUBRECIPIENT will provide the following levels of services during the term of the Agreement:

| Metric | Goal |
|--|------|
| Total unduplicated number of persons served | 300 |
| Total unduplicated number of households with children served | 47 |
| Total unduplicated number of households <u>without</u> children served | 195 |
| Number of households that obtain or retain permanent housing | 240 |

b. Performance Measures

SUBRECIPIENT will meet the following performance measures during the term of the Agreement:

| Metric | Goal |
|---|------|
| % of participants that retain permanent housing at 1 year | 80% |
| % participating of adults enrolled in behavioral services including substance use treatment | 40% |
| % of adults that are served under CalAIM initiative | 20% |
| % of adult participants gaining or increasing income at annual assessment or exit | 45% |

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

For the proposed agreement, Community Services will administer \$1,333,619 from State HHAP Round III to address homelessness in Santa Barbara County. These funds are currently budgeted for and available for reimbursement to Good Samaritan for the delivery of eligible activities.

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 | | | \$ 1,333,619.00 |
| Federal | | | |
| Fees | | | |
| Other: | | | |
| Total | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,333,619.00 |

Key Contract Risks:

CSD administers federal and state funding programs on behalf of the County and the CoC. As the recipient of state and federal funds, the County is responsible for ensuring that funds are used in accordance with all applicable requirements. HHAP Program guidelines indicate that failure to comply with program requirements may result in the County being required to repay funds. Good Samaritan Shelter has extensive prior experience operating homeless assistance projects in accordance with funding regulations.

The subrecipient agreement will be on a cost-reimbursement basis. This allows CSD to review and monitor sub-recipients for eligible costs to the extent prescribed by the state guidelines to mitigate risk. Disbursements will be made after the sub-recipients demonstrate that reimbursable services were provided and substantiate the eligibility of incurred costs to the satisfaction of CSD.

Staffing Impacts:

None.

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 two (2) original copies of each of the following documents and send to Kimberlee Albers: HHAP Sub-recipient Agreement for \$1,333,619 to Good Samaritan Shelter for Supportive Services for Emergency Housing Voucher holders.

Attachments:

- A. HHAP Sub-recipient Agreement to Good Samaritan Shelter for Supportive Services for EHV

Authored by:

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