



**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: June 18, 2024
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Good Samaritan Shelter FY 23–27 Services Agreement for La Posada Interim Housing and Support Services

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Risk Management Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Good Samaritan Shelter** (a local vendor) to provide interim housing and support services for clients occupying units at the La Posada interim housing and support services location at 4500 Hollister Avenue, Santa Barbara, California (2nd District), for a total maximum contract amount of **\$4,080,440**, inclusive of \$94,640 for FY 23-24, \$1,328,600 for FY 24-25, \$1,328,600 for FY 25-26, and \$1,328,600 for FY 26-27, for the period from June 5, 2024 through June 30, 2027;
- b) Delegate to the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee the authority to (i) suspend, delay, or interrupt the services under the Agreement for convenience per Section 20 of the Agreement, (ii) make immaterial changes to the Agreement per Section 26, (iii) amend staffing requirements per Exhibit A-1, (iv) reallocate funds between funding sources per Exhibit B-1, and (v) amend the program goals, outcomes, and measures per Exhibit E, all 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 fiscal activities or funding mechanisms that do not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant

physical impact on the environment and are therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to request authorization for an Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter (Good Samaritan), whereby Good Samaritan shall provide interim housing, support services, and program oversight and wraparound services for clients who are occupying temporary residential units at La Posada located at 4500 Hollister Avenue, Santa Barbara, California. The Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) will be utilizing Behavioral Health Bridge Housing grant funding to support 40 of the 80 units available for clients who meet program eligibility requirements. The term of the Agreement will begin on June 5, 2024 and shall continue until June 30, 2027, unless otherwise terminated in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement.

Background:

La Posada is a public-private collaboration between Dignity Moves, the County of Santa Barbara, and Good Samaritan Shelter, who will provide program oversight and wraparound services. Utilizing Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) grant funding, 40 of the 80 La Posada temporary residential units are reserved for BWell clients who are experiencing homelessness, with priority given to CARE (Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment) Program and other justice-involved participants. In alignment with BHBH program requirements and goals, referral sources include BWell programs, the courts, County law enforcement, and community-based organizations, and applicants will be screened for eligibility by the BWell Homeless Outreach Team Supervisor and the BHBH Program Manager. If referrals do not meet BHBH program eligibility, the Homeless Outreach Team Supervisor will connect clients with other emergency and interim housing opportunities.

Operations and services for the remaining 40 units not reserved for BWell clients will be funded by the County's allocation of Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 4 funds as well as BHBH funding. The HHAP Round 4 funding is administered by the Community Services Department and funds a separate agreement with Good Samaritan for operations and services at La Posada, which was approved by the Board on April 2, 2024.

La Posada Program Eligibility Criteria

Individuals must meet the following criteria:

- a) Qualifying clients will include individuals with a diagnosed mental illness and/or substance use disorders, or who are a CARE Program participant, and who are homeless (based on the following criteria):
 - i) An individual who lacks adequate nighttime residence;
 - ii) An individual with a primary residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used for habitation;
 - iii) An individual living in a shelter; or
 - iv) An individual exiting an institution (including incarceration) into homelessness. If exiting an institution, individuals are considered "homeless" if they were experiencing homelessness immediately prior to entering that institution, regardless of length of stay.

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Good Samaritan will provide approximately 50 BWell La Posada residents per Fiscal Year with behavioral health services on-site, including but not limited to (a) intensive case management for each client, (b) monitoring clients for physical health, dental, and vision issues, (c) assisting clients with personal hygiene, (d) assisting clients with access to community support and resources, including housing and employment services, (e) providing an evening meal, breakfast, shower, laundry, mail, and locker service included in each night's stay, for as long as the client is a resident at the Program, and (f) coordinating with the BWell Housing Assistance & Retention Team to begin the pre-application process for permanent supportive housing. The program shall accommodate each client for a length of stay for up to one year or until the client finds permanent supportive housing.

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) developed the BHBH Program to support bridge housing settings to address the immediate and sustainable housing needs of people experiencing homelessness who have serious behavioral health conditions, including a serious and persistent mental illness and/or substance use disorder.

Performance Measure:

Performance shall also be assessed in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit E of the Agreement (Program Goals, Outcomes and Measures). In addition, Contractor shall:

- a) Submit quarterly, yearly and final reports including, but not limited to, program success and challenges, number of clients served, linkages to primary and behavioral health care services, social service benefits obtained, service encounters, outreach efforts, and care coordination.
- b) Deliver site specific wraparound services to clients, including preparing clients for independent living and linkages to permanent supportive housing and tracking reasons for discharge.
- c) Coordinating intake and discharges with BWell staff, including the client's case manager.
- d) Participate in regular coordination meetings with BWell staff including Homeless Outreach, Crisis Services, and the BHBH Program Manager.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 23-24</u>	<u>FY 24-25</u>	<u>FY 25-26</u>	<u>FY 26-27</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Fund					
State					
Federal					
Fees					
Other: BHBH Grant	\$ 94,640	\$ 1,328,600	\$ 1,328,600	\$ 1,328,600	\$ 4,080,440
Total	\$ 94,640	\$ 1,328,600	\$ 1,328,600	\$ 1,328,600	\$ 4,080,440

Narrative:

The above referenced agreement will be fully funded with the State DHCS BHBH Grant, which was approved for acceptance by the Board on May 14, 2024. The associated budget revision requests will be

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presented to the Board in advance of fiscal year end and added to the department's Adjusted Budget accordingly.

Key Contract Risks:

As with any contract funded by State sources, there is a risk of future audit disallowances and repayments. Behavioral Wellness contracts include language requiring contractors to repay any amounts disallowed in audit findings, minimizing financial risks to the County.

Special Instructions:

Please email one (1) Minute Order and one (1) complete copy of the executed Agreement to Michael Purvis at mpurvis@sbcbswell.org and to the BWell Contracts Division at bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Good Samaritan/La Posada Interim Housing and Support Services Program FY 23-27

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