



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: November 1, 2022
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 Third Amendment to Sub-Recipient Agreement for Emergency Solutions Grant, Coronavirus funding for COVID-19 Homelessness Response

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: YES

Other Concurrence: Risk

As to form: YES

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: YES

Recommended Actions: That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute a third amendment to an agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter (Attachment A) to modify the scope of work and budget to include operating costs of the Santa Maria Stabilization Center (Stabilization Center) through December 31, 2022.
- b) Determine that the recommended actions are not the acceptance and approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), finding that the project is a 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:

Good Samaritan Shelter and the County are parties to a Subrecipient Agreement (Attachment B) for Emergency Solutions Grant-Coronavirus Round 2 (ESG-CV2) funding which provides for operations of the Freedom Warming Centers and case management assistance to the Father Virgil Cordano Day Center (Agreement). The Stabilization Center offers six (6) emergency shelter beds in partnership with Marian Regional Medical Center. The Stabilization Center serves about 30 persons experiencing homelessness per month. Funding under the ESG-CV agreement that funded the Stabilization Center was fully expended on September 30, 2022, consistent with the budget for that agreement. There is enough ESG-CV2 funding available under the Agreement to fund the Stabilization Center because the Warming Centers had few weather activations in the 2021-2022 season. Community Services staff is recommending that the Board of Supervisors (Board) approve, ratify and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute the Third Amendment to the Agreement, effective as of October 1, 2022 (Third Amendment), to cover Stabilization Center expenses through December 31, 2022. If not for the Third Amendment to the Agreement, the Stabilization Center would not be able to operate. The Third Amendment modifies the Agreement's scope of work and budget to provide for operation of the Santa Maria Stabilization Center until it is funded as a Community Support under the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) program beginning January 1, 2023.

Background: In an effort to establish a unified response, on March 18, 2020, the County of Santa Barbara established the COVID-19 Homelessness Task Force to include broad community input and engagement by stakeholders in response to COVID-19 to protect the health and safety of our homeless neighbors, and to further protect the community at large from spread of the disease. The Task Force established four key objectives:

- Prevent and mitigate COVID-19 impacts for persons who remain unsheltered through support centers and outreach re-establishing access to showers, device charging, food and hygiene supplies.
- Establish non-congregate sheltering for persons at highest risk of COVID-19 complications.
- Sustain shelter capacity for persons not experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.
- Enhance homelessness prevention and housing activities through increased funding for rental assistance and supportive services.

On October 20, 2020, the Board adopted a resolution authorizing the Community Services Director or designee to submit a application for ESG-CV2 funding, and to accept and administer funds under the State ESG-CV2 program in support of the County of Santa Barbara's response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Providers completed applications as part of a competitive local award process to cover activities precipitated by their COVID-19 responses and not covered by another funding source. Providers were asked to submit comprehensive applications and supporting documentation. The applications were reviewed by HCD staff for eligibility, and then passed to a Continuum of Care Review and Rank (CoC R&R) committee comprised of knowledgeable community members. The Agreement reflects the recommendations of the CoC R&R committee.

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Performance Measure:

Good Samaritan Shelter, as the subrecipient, provides quarterly reports to the County regarding services provided pursuant to the Agreement and the outcomes, or performance measures, which are outlined in the revised scope of work set forth in the Third Amendment.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: The Third Amendment does not change the total amount of funding under the Agreement, which will be fully expended by December 31, 2022. The Third Amendment only revises the Agreement's budget line items and adds the Stabilization Center as an additional service location.

Key Contract Risks:

The County assumes responsibility for the administration of ESG-CV2 funds in accordance with all state and federal requirements governing the use of such funds. In addition, the County would be held liable if it, or any provider subrecipient of such funds, is found to be non-compliant with applicable requirements. Good Samaritan Shelter has successfully operated State and/or federally-funded homeless assistance projects in the past which have had similar regulatory and administrative requirements.

The ESG-CV2 Subrecipient Agreements are cost-reimbursement contracts. This allows CSD/HCD to disburse funds to the Good Samaritan Shelter as Subrecipient for eligible incurred costs to the extent prescribed by the Agreement. The County will only reimburse Sub-recipients for costs that are eligible under the Agreements and documented in a manner that is acceptable to the CSD/HCD. CSD/HCD staff will assess the performance of Good Samaritan Shelter as subrecipient to determine if the services provided are adequate and as outlined in the Agreement.

Special Instructions:

- 1) Please email an electronic copy of the Minute Order to Dinah Lockhart at dlockhart@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.
- 2) Please execute three (3) originals of the Third Amendment to the Agreement and return two (2) originals to Dinah Lockhart (x3523).

Attachments:

Attachment A. Third Amendment of the Subrecipient Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter
Attachment B. Subrecipient Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter
Attachment C. First Amendment of the Subrecipient Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter
Attachment D. Second Amendment of the Subrecipient Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter

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